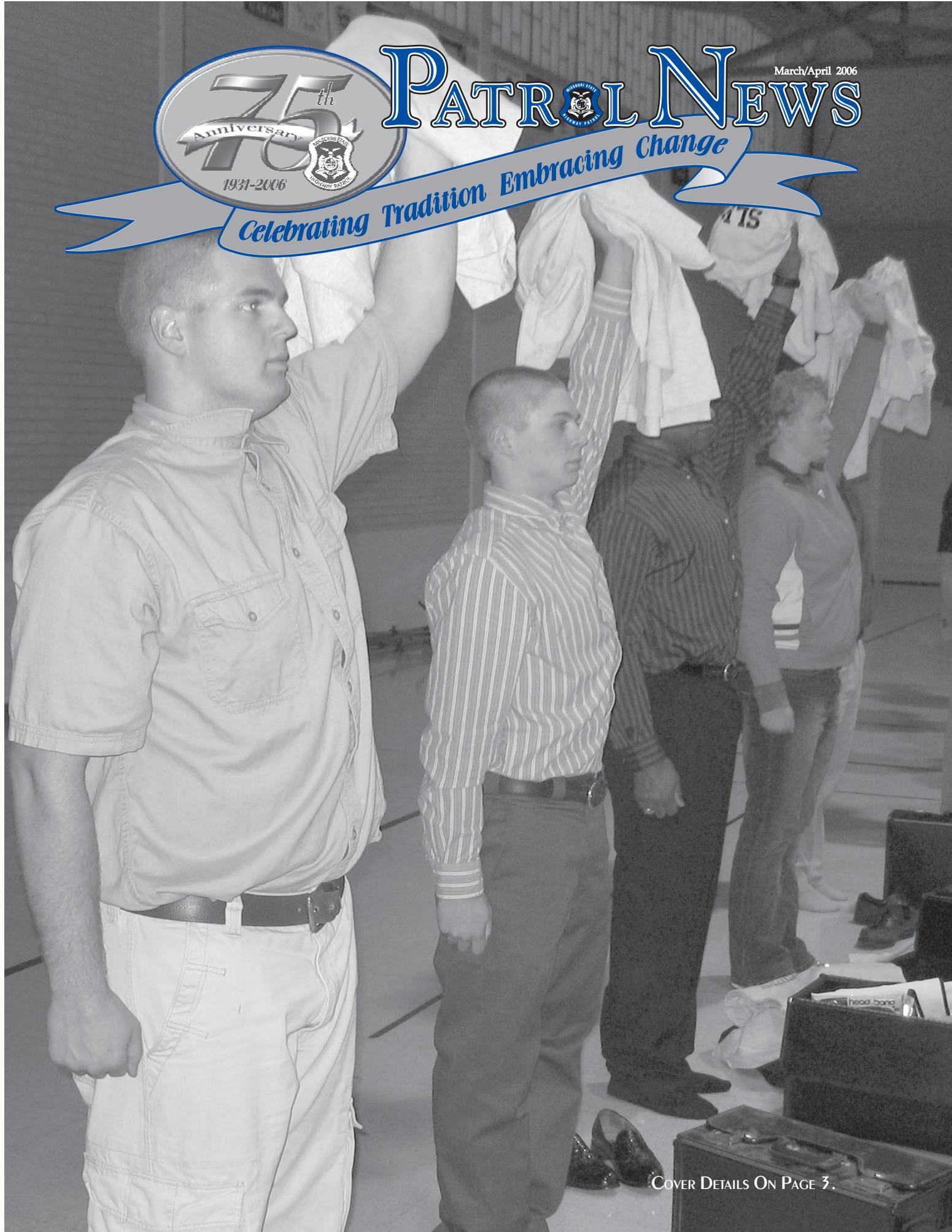




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Celebrating Tradition Embracing Change



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From The Staff ...

**Major Hugh E. McKay
Administrative Services Bureau**



For most of the last year, I have had the privilege of being a member of a committee formed to celebrate the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 75th anniversary. When it was all said and done, all of the committee members did a great job in developing ideas for how this milestone should be shared with our own employees, surviving family members, retirees, and the public. However, this is not the real topic of my message. Throughout last year, as I sat in these committee meetings and listened to ideas being discussed, I noticed a common theme. It was the difficulty everyone on the committee had in remembering facts or events of the past. I am not talking about events or facts from 75 years ago, but from just a few years back!

Now, the Public Information and Education Division is our designated "pack rat". They archive everything they can get their hands on and then some. They operate the Patrol museum to display the rich history of this organization, but they cannot archive or remember everything. That is because much of the history of this organization is in its thousands of stories and events occurring to each of our employees on a daily basis and going unrecorded. Thus, they are soon forgotten.

For the retired employee, your memories of the past will continue, but are they shared with the next generation? For the current employee who is midway through his or her career or is approaching retirement, are you documenting and sharing your stories and memories with others? For the new employee who is just starting, are you taking the time to document and record your memorable events? I hope so, because in 25 years, there is a good chance you may be sitting on the 100th Anniversary Committee, racking your brains about memories and events from the past. How often have you said, "How time flies. It seems like just yesterday when it happened, but I don't remember the details." Don't let your memories or experiences be forgotten! Cut out articles, save reports, keep those pictures, and share your stories.

Why is preserving the history and memories of your job with this organization important? It is just a job, right? I do not agree. Each person, past and present, who has chosen to take a "job" with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, has something in common. We all chose to work for an employer whose primary mission is to "serve and protect" the public. Whatever your job title is or where ever you work, in some way or another you are serving and protecting society. Preserving the history of how we have done this for the last 75 years and will continue doing so in the future will always be important!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H.E. McKay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "H.E." on top and "McKay" on the bottom, both starting with a capital letter.

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Captain J.D. Biram leads the 85th Recruit Class and their spouses to the Waggoner Building where their paperwork will be completed.

Cover

Members of the 85th Recruit Class hold sweatshirts high ... as instructed during equipment issue.

PERSPECTIVE

Our Safety Is On Your Shoulders

By Sgt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D

I remember the day the call was received by the troop lieutenant. Jay was dead. I was in disbelief. The last information we had, Jay was conversing with EMS personnel and in severe pain. I had convinced myself he would be all right and I would prepare for a visit to the hospital—but that wouldn't be. I would instead prepare for an impromptu press conference, a press conference that would explain how a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper, a friend, a comrade, was struck and killed on Interstate 44 while performing his duties. Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. was killed August 17, 2005.

There has not been a deadlier year for Missouri state troopers than 2005. Inattentive drivers killed Cpl. Jay Sampietro Jr. and Trooper D. Kevin Floyd. Since 2002, a total of four troopers have been killed while working roadside, paying the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the citizens of this state and nation.

As a famous Philosopher once said, "Common sense is not so common." It is my wish everyone understands it takes only a little common sense and effort to move over and slow down when approaching emergency vehicles on the shoulders of our roadways. The "Move Over or Slow Down" law dates back to 2002, but only now have motorists begun to abide by the law. The law requires the driver approaching emergency vehicles on the roadway or shoulder to move over or slow down. Take your foot off the gas!

Slowing down or moving over is not a hard concept to understand. Roadside emergency workers would be safer if every motorist would pretend it is a member of their family

standing roadside when approaching. By slowing down and moving over you allow emergency personnel a larger margin of error to work with, not to mention peace of mind. It is a sad commentary when troopers and police officers are more concerned with being struck by a vehicle roadside than by being shot by an assailant.

In today's society, most drivers do not want to slow down, wait in line, move over, let in, back off, be courteous, or be inconvenienced in any way when behind the wheel. The next time you are in traffic, watch how many drivers are distracted by something other than the job of driving. Cell phones, eating, reading, shaving, applying makeup or nail

polish, feeding the kids, watching TV, working on the computer, writing ... the list goes on and on. Most people are not very good at doing two things at once. But, they will get behind the wheel of a two-ton bullet and "multi-task" as they drive 70 mph.

Attitudes and decisions like those described above are what is killing our troopers. The inattentive driver and the driver who does not have the time or the concern to slow down or move over are making deadly decisions every time they get behind the wheel of their vehicle. As Roger D. Stottlemyre, colonel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, has stated, "All we are asking is for motorists to slow down and pay attention to what they are doing. Driving is a full-time responsibility."

(This article was originally written after a request by the *Springfield Community Free Press*.)

Our safety is on your shoulders.

- ◆ Police
- ◆ Ambulance

- ◆ Fire Truck
- ◆ Tow Truck

MOVE OVER

when approaching emergency vehicles.



**"It's The
Law."**

COPS Reaches Out To Survivors

By Concerns For Police Survivors Inc.

For more than 21 years, Concerns of Police Survivors has provided healing, love, and life renewed for the survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The greatest emotional healing comes when survivors are free to express themselves in a safe environment with others who truly understand. Our programs provide survivors with that safe haven.

At "C.O.P.S. Kids" Summer Camp and "C.O.P.S. Teens" Outward Bound, surviving children discover other children who have lost a parent to a line-of-duty death. Surviving spouses bond with others who have lost a law enforcement spouse at Spouses Weekend. Surviving adult children, surviving parents, and surviving in-laws who attend their respective retreats find strength and encouragement from others who have suffered the same loss.

Last year, 469 survivors took advantage of the opportunities for hands-on emotional healing offered by COPS. Participants ranged in age from the youngest, a six-year old child at "C.O.P.S. Kids" Summer Camp, to sur-

viving parents in their golden years. The year of the officer's death was as recent as 2005 and as long ago as 1971.

The 2006 schedule is as follows: Summer Camp and Outward Bound — July 31 through August 6; Adult Children Retreat — July 7 through 10; Siblings Retreat — September 8 through 11; Spouses Weekend — September 22 through 25; Parents Retreat — October 6 through 9; In-Laws Retreat — October 20 through 23.

Kids summer camp will again be held at the Army Lake Camp in Wisconsin. Outward Bound will be a week in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. Parents Retreat will be at Windermere Conference Center at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Retreats for adult children, siblings, spouses, and in-laws will be at Trout Lodge near Potosi, MO.

COPS provides all meals, lodging, mental health professionals, and activities. The only cost to attendees is their travel to the event.

COPS' programs change lives, as evidenced by the following message left by a surviving child on an Internet site. She left this in a letter to her de-

ceased father following her reluctant attendance at "C.O.P.S. Kids" Summer Camp 2005.

"Hey Daddy, I miss you so much. I just got back from camp. It was full of kids about my age and I made lots of new friends. This camp saved my life, Dad. I used to think I was alone and I didn't think any other kids my age felt the same way. I came to realize that there are kids that feel the exact same way! I met this one girl and she is the same as me. She didn't want to be there and she acted like she hated everyone. But the next day she told us that she feels stupid telling her mom that the camp saved her life, and is going to come back next year, because she loves it. I did a lot of stuff that I didn't think I could do. The girls and I got really close when the week was done. I am so happy I went."

For more information, contact Concerns Of Police Survivors Inc. (COPS) at P.O. Box 3199, 3096 S. Highway 5, Camdenton, MO 65020. You may call them at 573-346-4911, or e-mail them at cops@copsnational.org.

Troop E Salutes Quarter Century Club Additions

By Sgt. Larry W. Plunkett Jr., Troop E

On September 7, 2005, seventeen dedicated Troop E employees were recognized at the monthly sergeants' meeting for their "Quarter Century Club" achievement. The group included commercial vehicle officers, office staff, driver examiners, motor vehicle inspectors, and troopers who have worked together for many years to generate the positive reputation enjoyed by the Patrol in Southeast Missouri. Troop E would like to congratulate and thank each of these fine employees for their many years of dedicated service to the Patrol and the citizens of Missouri!



Pictured (left to right) are: CVO II Raymond R. Oldsen, Lt. Steven B. Niederkorn, CVO Sprv. II Harold S. Carlyle, MVI Sprv. David W. Carroll, Special Assistant Cindy G. Evans, Sgt. Lonnie L. Hickman, Chief MVI Keith E. Woodruff, Chief CVO Carroll W. Moore, Chief DE Rebecca McKinley, CVO II Rickey J. Burnett, CVO II Larry E. Masters, CVO II Pamela J. Metzger, Sgt. Dale H. Moreland, CVO Sprv. I Bill G. Britton, Lt. James E. McNiell. Not pictured are Lt. R. Brent Davis and Sgt. David M. Markham.

How Others See Us ...

Dear Sir,

My nephew, Jason Harris, spent a week at "state trooper camp" this summer in Jefferson City. I was amazed as he told us of some of his experiences. So, I share my experience with you, and hope you will share this message of goodwill with the two state troopers who were involved with the fatal motorcycle accident on September 21, 2005, at Lindbergh and Baptist Church Road in South County.

Eleven of my friends and neighbors were celebrating my birthday that night. As we left TGI Fridays, we arrived at the accident scene as troopers were getting to the victim. As a registered nurse for 23 years, I stopped and offered my assistance. The troopers were indeed in need of more help. The young man was not breathing.

The lifeless young man was face down with his helmet on. We turned him, removed his helmet, and began CPR as we have been trained to do. I knew the boy was dead, but we continued on with the lifesaving efforts. It was a gruesome scene, even for the most seasoned professionals.

As I pondered my own feelings about such a tragic loss of life and the grief those boys' parents were going to endure, I also pondered the impact of this kind of tragedy and how it affects the troopers. Those two men portrayed compassion, persistence, and dedication in trying to save that boy. I wondered how it must feel to be pursuing a law breaker, pursuing him for his crime, preventing him from hurting others ... and then trying to save him. I felt such compassion for those two troopers. I had a vision of their duty to serve and protect. Then, I had a vision of their good intent and compassionate efforts to give all they had and all they knew to the best of their ability to save the one they had pursued for breaking the law.

I have shared with my two teenage sons this "other side" of the police. The police have an awesome responsibility. They have a dangerous job, they risk their own lives, they may be called upon to kill someone, or called to save someone, and always they are called to protect the rights and safety of all. I came away that night with a deep appreciation and gratitude for the job

troopers perform and for the two troopers that gave their best in that horrific situation.

We will pray for their safety, and for compassion to always be a part of their work efforts.

Sincerely,
Christine Eike

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I wanted to write and say thank you. I was coming home from work early on the morning of December 23, 2005, after working a double shift. I was tired, and apparently weaving on the highway. A Highway Patrol officer stopped me between Wood Chapel Road and Highway 7 eastbound on Interstate 70 to see if I had been drinking. He was very courteous and professional. After he found out that I had worked and was tired, he showed concern and asked that I stop at the next exit to stretch and get something to eat and drink. I did as he asked and made it home safely.

My first experience with the Highway Patrol reassured me that their first concern is for the safety of others.

Thanks, again.
Robert Holbert

Pebbles, Bam Bam Help Special Olympics

Corporal Julie A. Scerine (right) and radio host Chad Perkins from KJFM (left) plunged into the freezing, murky waters of Mississippi River in Louisiana, MO, for a good cause. They dressed for the occasion, appearing as Pebbles and Bam Bam. The \$1,050 raised will benefit Missouri's Special Olympians.



Let's Play Ball!

By Cpl. Corey B. Root, Troop H

Plans for the 20th Annual Patrol Softball Tournament are under way. The tournament is scheduled for June 10 in St. Joseph, MO, at Heritage Park. The cost is \$150 per team. Checks should be made payable to Troop H Fund. If you should have any questions, please contact me at home (816) 233-3531, cell (816) 261-6762, or at Troop H Headquarters (816) 387-2345.

Our Keepers

By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I

On January 5, 2005, Trooper Steven H. Crabtree joined the ranks of many of his fellow troopers when he was activated for military service. Tpr. Crabtree's activation meant being away from his wife, Tara, and their three children: Steven, 10, Nicholas, 9, and his two-year old daughter, Emily, for 18 months.

Steve's duties began with several months of training at both Ft. Stewart in Georgia, and Fort Irwin in California. Afterward, he, along with other members of the 648th Engineer Battalion, arrived in Iraq on May 15 and was assigned to Camp Striker, which is located near Baghdad International Airport (BIAP). In an e-mail received from Steve on December 3, 2005, he made the following comments about his duties and what being away from home for an extended period of time has meant to him.

"The mission of the 648th Engineer Battalion was to patrol around BIAP looking for Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and making the road safe for vehicular travel. Other jobs within the brigade were cordon searches, patrols, and interrogation of possible insurgents. My job is as a unit level logistics specialist, which is basically dealing with maintenance. Some of my duties are to order, pick-up, log in, turn in, and account for parts as well as dispatch, update licenses for drivers, and coordinate repairs to hire for vehicles that are beyond repair at the unit level. While at Striker, I

pulled security duty for a clinic set up to treat Iraqi citizens, which was probably my most rewarding duty—seeing the faces and interacting with the local community for a positive cause. My most memorable moment at Striker was when a rocket hit within 100 meters of me. It destroyed two up-armored five-ton dump trucks and disabled three other vehicles in our motor pool. Luckily no one was injured.

At the end of October, we transferred from Striker to Tallil, Iraq. The living conditions have improved greatly. We went from refugee-looking tents to two- and three-man trailers. As of now, we are providing escorts to convoys traveling anywhere from here to numerous places around Iraq to include the Syrian Border. No mortar attacks yet; and it is extremely quiet as compared to Striker.

My wife, Tara, is keeping as busy as possible. She has been my backbone for this deployment! She has taken on numerous responsibilities since I've been gone. This includes staying active with my two boys as well as my "baby girl" Emily. Tara finished football season with Steven and in time to take up basketball with Nicholas. She is also very busy with Emily. Tara had to take on further duties around the house, like mowing the lawn, taking care of finances, and making some repairs. She has had incredible support from the Troop I family, which has put my mind at ease. I am so fortunate to have such a loving and supportive wife. It definitely makes life easier and more enjoyable while being over



Tpr. Steven Crabtree sits on a forklift.



Tpr. Steven Crabtree works hard building a shop in Iraq.

here. She deserves a lot of credit for all that she has had to endure while I've been gone. Tara has kept the family together. My boys have made me proud by staying active in sports and concentrating on their schoolwork. My baby girl has also made me very proud. Emily is talking now and to hear her say, "I love you, Daddy," makes my day as well as breaks my heart, because I am not with her."

Steve says he hopes to be back home by either May or June 2006, and is looking forward to a relaxing family vacation ... and, of course, next year's deer camp.

Steve is not only an asset to the Patrol, but also to the community. Everyone is very much looking forward to his safe return. Like the many others who have served our country, he has put his professional and personal life on hold to help secure the freedom of countless others. We at Troop I are very proud of the dedication and commitment of Steve and his family.

Tpr. Ahrens: The Long Arm Of The Law

By Sgt. Douglas B. McPike, Troop F

On February 18, 2005, Trooper Wallace V. Ahrens was working routine traffic enforcement on Interstate 70 in Callaway County. He observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation, and stopped it. A male driver and female passenger occupied the vehicle. Tpr. Ahrens noticed blankets and a water jug inside the vehicle. Numerous cellular phones were observed in the vehicle and Tpr. Ahrens advised the vehicle had a "lived in" appearance.

Tpr. Ahrens obtained California driver's licenses from both occupants and noticed the male driver was very nervous. When asked where the two were going, the driver said he and his companion were driving to St. Louis from Los Angeles. When asked about the nature of the trip, the driver said they were going to spend about a week in St. Louis, but had no plans once they arrived, nor had any type of reservations.

Tpr. Ahrens was becoming increasingly suspicious of the subjects and noticed their nervousness was increasing. Tpr. Ahrens asked for and received consent to search the vehicle, then requested assistance from Sergeant Jerry L. Arnold. Tpr. Ahrens located five cellular phones in the vehicle, and noticed some of the bolts supporting the vehicle's interior trim had been tampered with. Tpr. Ahrens also found fresh, black, rubberized undercoating material in the rear-wheel well area. A receipt showing the driver had just recently purchased the undercoating was found in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. A search of the luggage in the trunk of the vehicle did not support the claim of a week-long vacation, as only two changes of clothing were found.

Sgt. Arnold requested the assistance of the Fulton Police Department and they provided their K-9 to help with the search. The K-9 immediately "hit" on the vehicle, indicating the vehicle was or had been transporting illegal substances. At this point, Corporal Thomas

R. Walley arrived on the scene and he, too, assisted in the search. Cpl. Walley arranged for the vehicle to be driven to a nearby automotive repair business, and, subsequently, the vehicle was searched more thoroughly. After a lengthy search, no contraband was found; therefore, Tpr. Ahrens thanked the subjects for their cooperation and released them. The subjects advised it had been no problem at all as they knew Tpr. Ahrens was only doing his job.

Shortly after the contact, Tpr. Ahrens performed an out-of-state intelligence check on the driver of the vehicle and immediately was asked to hold the subject, because there was a "lookout" on the subject for suspicion of heroine trafficking. Explaining the circumstances of the stop, Tpr. Ahrens advised the subject had already been released.

On February 18, 2005, Tpr. Ahrens received a call from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The DEA requested Tpr. Ahrens forward a written report to them, reference the contact, as the subject was suspected of trafficking heroine. In addition, on February 23, 2005, a second DEA agent requested Tpr. Ahrens send him a report as well.

On January 17, 2006, the DEA contacted Tpr. Ahrens and informed him that they, utilizing Tpr. Ahrens' report to assist in completing an affidavit for a search warrant, obtained a warrant for a location in Los Angeles, CA. The California search resulted in the seizure of a large amount of controlled substances, and also enabled DEA agents to apply for and receive a second search warrant in Atlanta, GA. That search, according to DEA agents, resulted in the seizure of the largest "super lab" in Georgia's history. As a result of the warrants, the subject Tpr. Ahrens had stopped was being held, without bond, on federal drug trafficking charges.

On January 25, 2006, the DEA arranged for Tpr. Ahrens to fly to Atlanta to testify in a suppression hearing involving the suspect. As a result of the hearing, and as a result of the investigation conducted by the DEA and the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the suspect remains in federal custody, without bond, awaiting trial.

The joint effort put forth by Tpr. Ahrens, Sgt. Arnold, Cpl. Walley, the Fulton Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, has had a coast-to-coast impact on the transportation of illegal substances.

April

April 1	● April Fool's Day
April 2	● Central Daylight Time begins.
April 15	● Tpr. J.E. Linegar died in 1985.
April 15	● Class B uniform
April 15	● Income taxes due.
April 20	● Tpr. R.C. Tatoian died in 2005.
April 21	● Patrol News articles due.
April 22	● Earth Day
April 23-29	● National Crime Victims' Rights Week
April 26	● Administrative Assistant's Day
April 28	● National Arbor Day
April 29	● The MASTERS Banquet and Patrol Awards Ceremony

Registro de Drogas Adalante

(Drug Checkpoint Ahead)

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

Sergeant Matthew K. Funderburk, Sergeant Gary L. Braden, Corporal Thomas L. Hall, CVO II Rickey L. Talbert, and CVO Sprv. I J. David Brooks participated in a drug checkpoint one week in February. For three days—in all kinds of weather—they placed their vehicles at various vantage points near mile-marker 107, watching for possible violators.

The case law concerning drug checkpoints has changed. In the past, law enforcement could legally stop vehicles that took the exit before the checkpoint if the officers suspected the driver was trying to avoid the checkpoint. With consent, the officers might then search for contraband. Now, law enforcement can legally stop a vehicle only if they observe a traffic violation.

An example of a common violation is failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or failure to use turn signals.

Commercial vehicle officers and Patrol members can stop commercial

vehicles to inspect for compliance with commercial vehicle laws without first observing a traffic violation. These vehicles are “regulated” and may be checked to ensure compliance of the commercial vehicle regulations at any time.

Although this particular drug interdiction checkpoint didn’t yield the “big find”, the troopers’ and commercial vehicle officers’ presence reminds the community the Patrol takes drug interdiction seriously.



Commercial vehicle officers check a truck during a drug checkpoint on Interstate 44.

Chili Cook-Off Benefits Special Olympics

By Capt. Christian T. Ricks, Q/PIED

Fifteen chefs entered the GHQ chili cook-off to benefit Special Olympics. While only a few required great amounts of water to cool the tongue, most were easy to eat and pretty darn tasty. Congratulations to all the chefs and thank you to all the patrons.

First place Jenny Becker

Second place Betty Burnett and the Academy kitchen staff

Third place Shirley Talken

The treats took in \$31.30 and the chili cook-off brought in \$638.55 for a total from GHQ of \$689.85.

The DDCC chili cook-off included five entries.

First place MVB

Second place Luke Vislay

Third place .. Tracy Lehmen

The good people at DDCC raised \$122.80 with their contest. That gives us a grand total of \$812.65 for Special Olympics Missouri! By the way, our expenses were ... exactly ... nothing. One of our committee members donated all of the hot dogs, etc. and other committee members donated the extra chili, the buns, all of the fixings, the deserts ... you name it and they gave it. The next time somebody bad-mouths state workers, just smile, because you know better.



The judges at GHQ’s chili cook-off included (beginning bottom, left and moving clockwise) Chief of Fiscal and Budgetary Services Lori M. Hughes, BPD; Crystal Chalk, Special Olympics Missouri; Sgt. Bruce T. Clemonds, FOB; Capt. Chris Ricks, PIED; Criminalist Jason W. Crafton, CLD; and Criminalist Darian B. Attebery, CLD.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Anthony W. "Tony" Horvath



Appointed: January 1, 2000

First and Current Assignment: Legal

Counsel, Q/Staff, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Family: Tony and his wife, Erin, have four children: Jeremy, 15; Megan, 11; Amanda, 8; and David, 5. "This past year has been really busy. After I returned from Texas—I was activated with the Missouri Army National Guard—we built a new home just outside Linn, MO, on 10 acres," said Tony.

Interests: Tony enjoys hunting and fishing. He also serves as a reserve deputy with the Osage County Sheriff's Department. He is a captain in the National Guard assigned to the JAG corps.

Tony grew up in North St. Louis County. He attended Northeast Missouri State University where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He served as a police officer for four years while living in Kirksville, MO. He earned his juris doctoris (cum laude) from the St. Louis University School of Law. Prior to joining the Patrol, Tony worked in the St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Missouri Attorney General's Office, and for the Missouri Gaming Commission.

As the Patrol's legal counsel, Tony provides support to the staff as well as divisions. He also assists officers in the field with legal questions. He teaches recruits 24 hours of criminal statutes and

sets up a "moot court" during their training, which he enjoys. Tony also teaches a variety of courses to members and other law enforcement personnel. All contracts and memorandums of understanding go through his office prior to their being signed. Tony said he reviews Sunshine Law requests, maintains case files, and serves as the Patrol liaison to the Missouri Attorney General's Office when needed. He has appeared in court on behalf of the Patrol to oppose criminal record expungement requests, represented Patrol employees in depositions, and appeared as co-counsel with the Attorney General's office at trials.

"What I find most interesting is the day-to-day contact with troopers in the field," said Tony. "I get the most enjoyment helping them with legal issues."

Cpl. Wesley J. Moder



Appointed: January 16, 2001.

First Assignment: Troop C, Zone 4, South St. Louis County.

Current Assignment: Troop C, Zone 3, South St. Louis County.

Promotion: Corporal — February 5, 2006.

Family: Wes is married to Brandy, and they reside on the family farm in House Springs, MO.

Interests: Wes says he enjoys all outdoor activities. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping along with mountain biking. He also spends time training in the martial art of Muay Thai, which is a combination of close quarters combat and ground fighting. Wes trains at USA Martial Arts in Eureka.

Wes was born in House Springs, MO. He says he thinks he was born in a hayloft on the family farm. He graduated from Northwest High School in 1995. In 1996, Wes began attending Maryville University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree with a double major in psychology and sociology in 2000. He is currently working toward a master's degree in business administration from Maryville University.

In July 1999, Wes was hired by the Chesterfield Police Department in Chesterfield MO, and he attended the St. Louis County Police Academy. He worked as a police officer for the Chesterfield Police Department until his employment with the Patrol in January 2001.

Since his employment with the Patrol, Wes has been a huge asset to Troop C. He was recognized by MADD from 2003-2005, at their annual Heroes for Heroes Awards Ceremony for his continuous efforts at successfully removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways. He was nominated in 2003 for the American Legion Law and Order Award, and has been involved in the Pope John Paul II detail, the Bellerive Senior Golf Classic, and the State Fair detail.

Wes is a member of the Troop C SERT, and has been involved in numerous execution details, the investigation into Sgt. Graham's murder, and several arrest and search warrant executions. Wes also serves as a Troop C accident reconstructionist. Since Wes began his career with the Chesterfield Police Department, and into his career with the Patrol, he has continuously been involved in Special Olympics and raising money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Wes has served as the Troop C Special Olympics coordinator since the retirement of Lt. Don Frey. He has represented the Patrol at several International Torch Run Conferences, held in Chicago, IL, Minneapolis, MN, and Oklahoma City, OK. His commitment to the safety and betterment of the citizens he serves is apparent in the professionalism he portrays in everything he does.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Radio Personnel Michael D. Crase



Appointed: December 21, 2000.

Current Assignment: Troop C, St. Louis.

Promotions: December 21, 2001—
Radio Telecommunicator.

Interests: Officiating professional
wrestling.

Mike was born in St. Louis, MO. At the age of two, his family moved to Thayer, MO, where his father became employed at a local radio station. Mike graduated from Thayer High School in 1997, and began college at Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO, on a partial tennis scholarship. In 1998, Mike transferred to SMSU in West

Plains, where he continued as a communications major. With some help from his father, the program director, Mike netted a job with K-Kountry 95 in Thayer, MO, as a radio personality, prior to his employment with the Patrol in December 2000.

Since Mike's employment with the Patrol, he has been fortunate to attend the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, MO, serving as one of fair's radio operators. He said working the state fair was a great opportunity to meet members of the Patrol from across the state, and enjoy relaxing and attending the activities the fair has to offer. He also is a radio operator on the Troop C's SERT. Mike's upbeat personality is always a pleasure to hear on the other end of the radio, while working the road in Troop C.

Mike spends the majority of his spare time at a very interesting side job. Mike is a licensed professional wrestling referee. He has officiated numerous bouts for the Gateway Championship Wrestlers (GCW) and the Ultimate Wrestling Alliance (UWA), in the St. Louis Area. He finds the "job" not only interesting and exiting, but entertaining. He feels it is a nice change from the fast pace and stress that can accompany a job in radio.

Congrats, Tpr. Fennewald!

Lt. James Ripley, Troop A, was pleased to present Tpr. Michael P. Fennewald with the 2005 Honorable Mention certificate for the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council's (LETSAC) Officer of the Year award.



Anniversaries

Note: The following employees are marking a notable anniversary of service with the agency.

April

25 years

Lead Radio Personnel Robert S. Chaney III, Troop G
ACTE Keith C. Womack, Troop G

10 years

Tpr. William H. Abel, Troop C
DE III Donna J. Coleman, Troop C
CVO Sprv. I Timothy W. Geisert, Troop C
DE III Richard C. Johns, Troop A
DE III Phyllis A. Kaminski, Troop C

5 years

DE III Brian S. Gordanier, Troop B
Comp. Oper. II Craig L. Mosley, Q/ISD
Crime Info. Analyst Kathy L. Wrye, Q/DDCC

May

35 years

Lt. P. Mike Mulholland, Troop D
Capt. Christian T. Ricks, Q/PIED

30 years

Comp. Oper. Sprv. I James A. Granich Q/ISD
CVO II Kenneth G. Williams, Troop D
Major Richard L. Coffey, Q/TSB

20 years

Special Asst. Pamela A. Brauner, Q/FOB

10 years

Radio Personnel Lori K. Bielawski, Troop C
Special Asst. Karen S. Erb, Troop G
Telecom. Donna F. Fields, Troop A
Radio Personnel Lalah M. Gregory, Troop G

Info. Analyst II Karen S. Kempker, Q/CRID

Clerk IV Ruth S. Koechner, Q/CRID
Radio Personnel Lindell E. Roth, Troop B

MVI Sprv. Gary W. Stockton, Troop D

5 years

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Lowell A. Forshee, Troop D
Clerk IV Kristi K. Newman, Troop C
Tpr. Ryan S. Thompson, Troop B
DE II Renee Davis, Troop G

PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS



Larry W. Plunkett Jr.
Lieutenant
Troop F



Terry L. Mast
Sergeant
Troop D



Timothy G. Pulley
Sergeant
Troop E



Christine M. McIntyre
Corporal
Troop B



Charles C. Meyer
Corporal
Troop D



Lisa L. Bird
Telecommunicator
Troop A



Helen A. Boeckmann
AFIS Entry Operator III
Q/CRID



Patricia A. Boyer
DE III
Troop C



Lindsey J. Brandt
CIT I
Q/ISD



Peggy L. Brookshire
Clerk Typist III
Troop I



Eileen R. Brune
Prog./Analyst Mgr.
Q/ISD



Vincent H. Buckner
AFIS Entry Operator II
Q/CRID

PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS



Chelsea N. Chanel
Accountant II
Q/BPD



Julie A. Duncan
Crim. Hist. Tech. II
Q/CLD



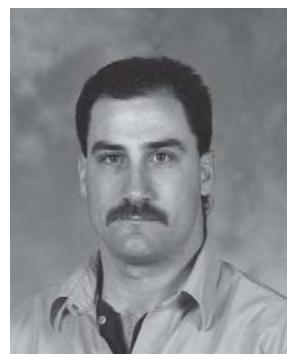
Karen M. Forbis
Traffic Safety Analyst II
Q/TFD



Willis W. Friend
MVI III
Troop E



Paula L. Fry
Clerk IV
Troop B



Joseph T. Garland
CVO I
Troop A



Sharon C. Gentges
Cook I
Q/TND



John R. Gross
DE III
Troop C



Christy D. Hillhouse
DE III
Troop G



Mary A. Hollmann
DE III
Troop C



Michael S. Keene
MVI II
Troop A



Karen S. Kempker
Info. Analyst II
Q/CRID

PROMOTIONS & RECLASSIFICATIONS



Randy J. Lehmen
Auto. Tech. II
Q/MED



Leona A. Lutz
DE II
Troop A



Terry G. Mebruer
MVI III
Troop F



Brad E. Meyerhoff
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv.
Q/CRID



Janice D. Scheibeler
CIT Spec. I
Q/ISD



Jean F. Smith
Cook I
Q/TND



Becky A. Trabue
Fingerprint Tech. III
Q/CRID



James E. White
MVI III
Troop A

Widow Visits NATIONAL L.E. MEMORIAL

These photos show Mrs. Charlotte Harpham Creach Bonner during a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the national law enforcement memorial. She found her husband, Ross, listed on panel 27W, line 12. Trooper Ross S. Creach was killed in the line of duty on December 12, 1943. He was directing traffic at the scene of an accident in Shelby County, when he was struck by a vehicle operated by a drunk driver. Tpr. Creach was 24 years old, and the fifth trooper to make the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Missouri. He was survived by his wife and two young sons. Charlotte, it was wonderful to hear from you! We're glad you were able to visit the national memorial.



CALEA Inspection Planned In 2006

By Capt. Timothy G. Baysinger, Q/RDD

During November 2005, the Missouri State Highway Patrol marked its 13th anniversary as an internationally accredited law enforcement agency. Accreditation was awarded to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on November 21, 1992, by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), an independent, nonprofit organization based in Fairfax, VA.

Accreditation is a process used by professional law enforcement agencies to facilitate the creation, verification, and maintenance of high quality policies and procedures through voluntary compliance with a collection of internationally recognized and accepted performance standards. The 446 CALEA standards address six major law enforcement topics: role, responsibilities, and relationships with other agencies; organization, management, and administration; personnel administration; law enforcement operations, operational support, and traffic law enforcement; prisoner security and court-related services; and, auxiliary and technical services.

The initial accreditation process was an enormous undertaking that required approximately two years of intense self-assessment and change. It involved a comprehensive review of virtually every aspect of the Patrol coupled with a complete revision of our Operations Manual. It entailed development of numerous plans, procedural manuals for specialized functions, and the creation or formalization of programs such as career development, manpower allocation, student internship, and victim/witness assistance.

Achievement of accreditation in 1992 was a major accomplishment, but did not represent completion of the accreditation project by the Patrol. Agencies in the accreditation process conduct continual, intensive, and candid self-evaluations of their policies and procedures to maintain compliance with all applicable mandatory standards, and at least 80 percent of

applicable optional standards. Every three years, member agencies must undergo an on-site inspection of their policies, procedures, personnel, facilities, and equipment by a CALEA assessment team. Our next on-site inspection will occur during the summer 2006.

The comprehensive on-site inspection by a team of specially trained law enforcement professionals is the key-stone of accreditation and provides law enforcement agencies with objective evidence of their commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service-delivery. Successful completion of each on-site serves as independent verification the agency is serious in its desire to provide professional law enforcement service to the public. It also helps to ensure the agency complies with standards requiring that the agency be accountable to and fair in the treatment of each employee.

Accredited law enforcement agencies are able to better defend themselves against lawsuits by presenting independent verification that they adhere to internationally accepted standards. Mere presentation of such documentation has resulted in abandonment of legal action against some agencies. This brings to light one of the dilemmas faced by accredited agencies that are challenged to prove the value of accreditation. It is virtually impossible to document and quantify problems that never occur. Prevention of problems is a direct result of abiding by good policies, plans, and procedures implemented during CALEA compliance.

An increasing number of American law enforcement agencies have turned to accreditation to help ensure their continued effectiveness in this progressively more complex society where the expectations of the public and funding bodies have increased, and public agency operations are subject to scrutiny by the courts, media, and the public.

In 1992, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was the 10th state agency and one of four Missouri agencies to achieve



accreditation. Today, 27 state agencies (state patrol, state police, state investigative, or state departments of public safety) and 18 Missouri agencies are accredited by CALEA. Two Missouri agencies have achieved CALEA recognition (an award requiring compliance with 97 CALEA standards addressing high-liability functions) and seven additional Missouri agencies, including the Missouri State Water Patrol and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, are in self-assessment seeking CALEA accreditation or recognition. A total of 556 law enforcement agencies are accredited by CALEA in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Barbados. In fact, 25 percent of the full-time law enforcement officers in the United States are employed by agencies that are have achieved or are actively seeking CALEA accreditation or recognition.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has enjoyed an excellent reputation since 1931 and views accreditation as one method to prove that reputation is deserved. The Patrol approaches the future and its challenges with confidence gained from the knowledge its dedicated personnel continue to strive for excellence and are supported by a sound and proven organizational structure shaped by internationally accepted standards.

TROOP I HONORS THREE PHLEPS COUNTY RESIDENTS

By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I

Captain Randy Becker, commanding officer of Troop I, had the privilege of presenting Honorary Trooper Certificates to three Phelps County residents, who quickly and heroically acted to save the life of a motorist involved in a traffic crash. Those individuals being recognized were Troy Rowden and Monty Fannon, both of Rolla, and Andrew Gerhardt, of St. James.

According to Highway Patrol Sergeant Mark D. Reynolds, at approximately 2 a.m., September 11, 2005, he was dispatched to a traffic accident at the 178-mile marker of Interstate-44. When he arrived at the scene he observed a passenger car off the highway, resting on its side, which was fully engulfed in flames. Sgt. Reynolds found the driver of the vehicle, Amber D. Dorris of O'Fallon, IL, on the shoulder of the highway and safely away from the burning vehicle.

The accident apparently occurred when Dorris' vehicle traveled off the road, and struck a highway sign and an embankment before it overturned and caught on fire. Mrs. Dorris said she was disoriented, trapped inside the car, and would not have been able to get out, if not for Rowden, Fannon, and Gerhardt pulling her out just before the fire spread to the vehicle's passenger compartment. It was later learned Dorris sustained injuries that would have indeed kept her from exiting her vehicle without help.



(I to r) Sgt. Mark Reynolds, Mr. Troy Rowden, Mr. Andrew Gerhardt, Mr. Monty Fannon, and Capt. Randy L. Becker pose for a photo after the ceremony presenting Honorary Trooper Certificates to these local heroes.

In his letter recommending these gentlemen for this award, Sgt. Reynolds states Rowden, Fannon, and Gerhardt acted in a selfless and heroic manner. Their quick actions not only saved a life, but were consistent with the highest standards and traditions of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR COMPASSION GIVEN SAMPIETRO

By Sgt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D

A ceremony honoring Strafford Police Officer Chuck Brown took place at the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop D Headquarters. Presented to Officer Brown was an Honorary Trooper certificate designated for non-employees who unselfishly give of themselves to assist troopers in the performance of their duties. This award was recommended by a member of the Patrol to the colonel's office and presented with the superintendent's signature on a plaque.

On August 17, 2006, Deputy Chuck Brown, then with the Webster County Sheriff's Department, had the misfortune of arriving on the scene of where Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. had been struck by a vehicle while performing Patrol duties. Cpl. Sampietro later succumbed to his injuries. Officer Brown displayed courage, true compassion, and a deep love and respect



Officer Chuck Brown stands with Mrs. Jennifer D. Sampietro after accepting an Honorary Trooper Certificate.



Tpr. Trenton A. "Tab" Badgett nominated Officer Chuck Brown for his Honorary Trooper Certificate based on his actions at the scene where Cpl. John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. was struck by a vehicle while on duty.

for his friend and brother in need. It is believed that Officer Brown brought much-needed comfort to Cpl. Sampietro in his last moments.

The Patrol wishes to extend its gratitude to Officer Brown and commends his actions on that fateful day.

Hayden Graham Draws Winning Ticket

2006 Harley Awarded To Ellington Resident

By Sgt. Martin "Marty" K. Elmore, Troop G

A large crowd of people gathered at Troop G Headquarters at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, to witness the culmination of a generous fund-raising raffle by the Missouri Sheriff's Association. The centerpiece of the drawing was a beautiful, black 2006 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic motorcycle. Over the course of the past several months the Missouri Sheriff's Association sold 4,000 raffle tickets at \$20 dollars each to many hopeful and charitable individuals, raising over \$60,000 for Hayden Graham's education fund. This effort was the brain-child of Missouri Sheriff's Association President and Pike County Sheriff Jim Wells.

At approximately 1 p.m., Captain Billy Chadwick welcomed those in attendance, thanked Sheriff Wells and the numerous area sheriffs present for their kindness and hard work, and introduced Patrol Superintendent Colonel Roger Stottlemyre, who addressed the crowd and presented Sheriff Wells with an Honorary Trooper certificate. Sheriff Wells graciously accepted this honor, made some heartfelt comments about the many tragedies the Patrol faced in 2005, then asked everyone present to join him in a moment of prayer. Sheriff Wells asked God to comfort the families of our fallen officers and to protect all who serve. He then introduced each sheriff present before bringing Carl Graham Sr., father of Sergeant Carl Dewayne Graham Jr., to the podium. Mr. Graham spoke briefly of his appreciation for everyone who had made the day possible and introduced his family members, including the guest of honor, young Mr. Hayden Graham.

Finally, the moment of truth was at hand. Hayden, wearing jeans and sporting a black and orange Harley Davidson jacket, gave the large, metal drum a couple of final spins, and

reached in to retrieve a single ticket, which he handed to Sheriff Wells. The sheriff announced the winner: Mr. Tony Warren, of Ellington, MO. With the help of Troop G Radio Chief Robert "Lou" Wehmer, Hayden spoke to Mr. Warren via cell phone, saying, "You won my motorcycle." After Hayden's pronouncement, Chief Wehmer attempted to speak to Mr. Warren only to learn that he had hung up! It was later learned Mr. Warren thought his buddies were playing a

trick on him. It took a second phone call from Reynolds County Sheriff Gary Barton to convince Tony he was indeed the lucky winner.

I believe I speak for all of us in the Missouri State Highway Patrol in offering a great big thank you to Sheriff Wells, the Missouri Sheriff's Association, and all the area sheriffs and their staffs who worked tirelessly to make the day very special for all those who knew and loved Dewayne.



Pike County Sheriff Jim Wells and Hayden give a thumbs up for the new motorcycle given away in a raffle to benefit Hayden's education fund.

Mr. Tony Warren, who bought the winning ticket, stands next to his new motorcycle.

Academy Welcomes 85th Recruit Class

Thirty-nine people reported to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy on Sunday, January 8, 2006, to begin the 27-week training course to become a trooper. The 85th Recruit Class is scheduled to graduate on July 14, 2006. As of March 30, 2006, 36 recruits remain in the class. The average age of the members of the 85th Recruit Class is 25.28 years. Of the recruits, 10 have some college experience, six have more than 60 hours of college credit, 17 have bachelor's degrees, and one has a master's degree. Eight of the recruits have worked in law enforcement and seven have prior military experience.



The pleasant Academy instructors await the arrival of the 85th Recruit Class in the gymnasium.

Recruits Charles V. Slider Jr., Elyse J. Ruckenbrod, and Matthew L. Rice await further instructions. ☐



Members of the 85th Recruit Class wait in line to have their photo taken on their first day of training. ☐



Recruit Elizabeth A. Lusk counts sit-ups for Recruit Elyse J. Ruckenbrod. ☐



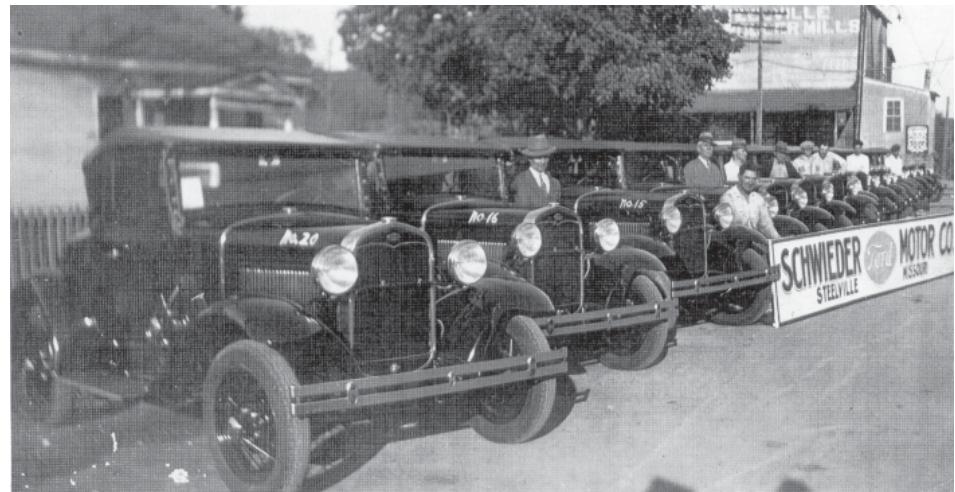
Patrol Recognizes Schwieder Ford

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On Thursday, February 2, 2006, Captain Dale Schmidt, commanding officer of Troop F, Jefferson City, and Captain Randy Becker, commanding officer of Troop I, Rolla, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kim Schwieder, owner of Schwieder Ford in Steelville, MO. As part of the Patrol's 75th anniversary celebration, the Patrol recognized Schwieder Ford for being the car dealership that sold the Patrol its first cars in 1931. After 87 years, Schwieder Ford is closing its doors. (The business served customers through March 2006.) Originally named Steelville Garage when it opened in 1918, it was renamed by its owners to Schwieder Ford in 1931.

"It has been seventy-five years since those first, two-seat Fords were purchased by the Patrol, and Schwieder Ford played a significant part in establishing our fleet for us," said Colonel Roger Stottlemire, superintendent of the Patrol. "From those humble beginnings of 36 Ford Roadsters, we now have a fleet of Patrol cars that is one of the finest in the nation. I want to thank the Schwieder family and everybody who is associated with Schwieder Ford for being part of our proud history."

In 1931, the motor vehicle fleet for the first troopers consisted of 36 Model



1931 Model A Ford Roadsters lined up in front of Schwieder Ford in Steelville, MO. In the picture on the right, the gentleman near the center of the picture between the second and third vehicles is George Schwieder, owner of the dealership.

A Ford Roadsters, a Ford sedan, a Plymouth sedan, an Oldsmobile, a Buick, three Chevrolets, and 12 Harley Davidson, three Indian, and two Henderson motorcycles. Schwieder Ford sold the Patrol the Model A Ford Roadsters for \$413.18 each. Each vehicle had twin Klaxon horns, a spotlight, a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, and an electric "Patrol" sign behind the right side of the windshield. All vehicles had license plates with the words "State Patrol" in bold letters, but

there were no decals on the sides. None of the vehicles had sirens and there were no heaters in the cars.

In 1931, Colonel Lewis Ellis wanted the public to be aware that these drivers were officers of the newly created Missouri State Highway Patrol. Thus, those driving Roadsters were instructed to drive with the top down except in inclement weather. One of the original Model A Ford Roadsters, which is housed in the Patrol's Safety Education Center, was on display during the presentation.



The Patrol's restored 1931 Model A Ford Roadster — known as "Otto" — sits in front of the dealership where it originally started its career with the Patrol.

Missing Persons Unit Celebrates 20 Years

On July 19, 1985, Governor John Ashcroft signed House Bill 366 into law creating a Missing Persons Unit within the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This proposal modeled similar legislation initiated all across the country, responding to a growing concern for the increased numbers of missing persons reported to law enforcement agencies.

As a result, politicians and concerned citizens became involved and took action. Policy and procedures for law enforcement agencies were improved to report more effectively and investigate missing person cases. Most importantly, communication was enhanced. A network was created between local, state, and federal agencies that also included the public, media, and private organizations. Awareness enabled education, which in turn resulted in better services for victims and their families. Soon, people learned a missing person was not always reported after a certain time limitation, or that foul play suspected in a disappearance was mandatory. Now, the issue is much larger, encompassing runaways, family and non-family abductions, and adults missing voluntarily, involuntarily, or because of a disability or endangerment.

The legislation signed into law by Gov. Ashcroft not only mandated improved reporting procedures for missing persons, it also directed the superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to "organize a Missing Persons Unit within the Patrol, which shall be the central repository for the state regarding missing persons. The head of this Missing Persons Unit shall, with the approval of the superintendent of the Patrol, establish services deemed necessary to locate missing persons." The primary functions of the unit are identified in state statute (Chapter 43.402RSMo.) as:

1. Collect and disseminate information regarding missing persons in order to assist in locating such persons.
2. Establish a system of interstate and intrastate communication.
3. Provide a centralized file for the exchange of information on missing children.
4. Assist in the investigation of reports of missing persons by a uniformed or commissioned member of the Patrol.



2005 Winning Entry

In response to this new mandate, it was determined the Missing Persons Unit would be placed within the Patrol's Criminal Investigation Bureau under the command of the director of the Division of Drug and Crime Control. By February 1986, the Missing Persons Unit was activated and under the supervision of Sergeant Curt Matthews. Sgt. Matthews had been instrumental in the formation of a nationally recognized, nonprofit organization in the Kansas City area known as, "The Lost Child Network". He continued his work on behalf of missing children by recommending legislative changes regarding child custody issues and parental abductions. Now

retired, some of Curt's other major accomplishments while supervising the Missing Persons Unit were his expertise on "cults" as they related to missing children and becoming a charter member of the "Interstate Enforcement Agencies who Recover Children (I-SEARCH) Council." Asked what was one of the biggest challenges he had in establishing the Unit, Curt responded, "Getting the word out."

In 1991, the Patrol took a new direction by pursuing standards outlined by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc.) in the accreditation process. As a result, the Patrol combined the Missing Persons Unit with the newly created Juvenile Unit. Sgt. Kurt E. Mueller, (a corporal at the time) was assigned as the unit's supervisor. In addition to maintaining the services of the Missing Persons Unit, the new unit also coordinated the Patrol's juvenile enforcement and prevention programs. Sgt. Mueller said some of his earliest challenges were similar to Sgt. Matthews'.

In 1994, the Missing Persons Unit experienced its second major change by combining with the Lottery Enforcement Unit, in addition to the Juvenile Unit. "As weird a combination as these three units appear," says Sgt. Mueller, "supervising all three actually has made us more efficient." This can be attributed to the addition of a civilian employee, who handles all the administrative responsibilities of each unit, as well as, manages the Missing Persons Clearinghouse.

In 1998, Sergeant Keverne L. McCollum transferred from Chillicothe, Troop H, to General Headquarters and began supervising the Missing Persons Unit. In 2002, Sgt. McCollum proposed new legislation

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expanding the definition of "Missing Person" to also include children that are taken by a custodial or noncustodial parent that deprive the other parent of their custodial rights. This new definition also included parents who illegally take their children outside the United States.

In August 2003, the Missouri Alert, also known as the Amber Alert, became law. Sgt. McCollum sits on the oversight committee and is the contact person for all statewide alerts. Since its inception, 14 children have been recovered safely because of the Missouri Alert. One of the biggest challenges for Sgt. McCollum is educating law enforcement and the public on the criteria of the Amber Alert. She also agrees with her predecessors, "We are still trying to get the word out that the unit exists, and that it is here to assist any law enforcement agency, as well as, the public." Today, the Unit consists of one member and one civilian employee.

One thing is for certain: Statistics tell us that missing persons remain a concern, especially involving children. In 1985, 8,010 children were reported missing in Missouri. Now, 20 years later in 2005, 10,559 children were reported missing. This represents a 32 percent increase in the number of children reported missing to Missouri law enforcement agencies.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol remains committed to serving the victims and families of reported missing persons. In recognizing its 20th anniversary, the Missing Persons Unit rededicates itself to providing the services deemed necessary to locate missing persons.

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

35 years ago

March 1971 — Work on the new third floor of General Headquarters was progressing nicely. A story reported Old Man Winter had dropped nearly 20 inches of snow around the state. A car theft ring is busted in Troop E.

30 years ago

April 1976 — The cover story told about the Patrol's security detail while the American Freedom Train visited Jefferson City. Nearly 49,000 people viewed the red, white, and blue bicentennial train which carried over 550 items of American memorabilia. It left Jefferson City after four days and traveled to St. Louis for an eight-day stay.

25 years ago

March 1981 — Two new weigh stations on Interstate 44 west of Joplin opened. Due to costs, the *Patrol News* began to distribute issues through the troop commanders and division directors. Retirees would continue receiving the magazine in the mail. The 10th annual Patrol Golf Tournament entry form was in this issue.

15 years ago

April 1991 — Tpr. Dave Henson, K-9 Wiko, and Corporal Mike Woods seized 745 pounds of cocaine while working drug interdiction on Interstate 44. A "Salute To Our Country" program took place March 13 at the Patrol Academy. The salute honored those Patrol employees serving in the military during Operation Desert Storm.

10 years ago

March 1996 — The cover photo showed an F4-J Phantom jet being escorted along U.S. Highway 61 as it was towed through Sikeston, MO. The aircraft was given to the Sikeston Veterans Park Committee and put on permanent display at the Sikeston Airport. This issue included a thank you letter from the New York State Police for sharing the detailed building plans and the expertise of our mechanics, which helped them build a rollover simulator. The NYSP's first rollover debuted at their state fair.

5 years ago

April 2001 — Sergeant Robert Guilliams was on the cover. Stories celebrated the man he was and mourned his death in the line of duty. Another article introduced a new public relations campaign "Stop the Knock".

Troopers Travel To Louisiana

By Tpr. Ryan Thompson, Troop B

On December 3, 2005, Sergeant Marc McAlister, Sgt. Bryan Arnold, Cpl. Roger Sherman, Tpr. Shawn Dougherty, Tpr. Dan Bickell, and I began our trip to Cameron, LA. For 14 days we lived and worked in Louisiana. Upon our arrival in Cameron Parish, the devastation from September's Hurricane Rita was still very apparent. Vehicles were scattered, cemeteries were destroyed, and debris from local business and schools was strewn about. It was not uncommon for houses to be ripped from their foundations and moved, leaving only empty concrete slabs. Local residents still were not allowed to live in the southern half of Cameron Parish. With many of their belongings still lying around, it was our duty to patrol the parish and prevent looting, and to assist the local sheriff's department on other calls.

We were the only outside agency assisting the sheriff's department on the eastern half of the parish. During the two weeks we were there, I think everyone developed a close relationship with the sheriff's department. I know that having heard many of the hardships they endured I came to respect them very much. I was told about 30 of the about 70 employees with the sheriff's department lost their homes. One Cameron Parish deputy named Dubby LaBove had to live in his patrol car for two weeks after the hurricane. His family fled north where it was safe and he stayed behind. His house was so damaged he had no choice but to live in his patrol car. I came to know Deputy Carl Conner, a deputy on the night crew, quite well. Conner's family home was destroyed along with his parents' local diner. Carl told me that for about the first week after the storm he and many other deputies had to bathe in a pool belonging to the local prosecutor.

Despite all the hardship and losses, employees of the sheriff's department endured and constantly provided for us. They seemed so up beat. Deputies like



Part of Rita detail — Tpr. Ryan Thompson, Troop B, Sgt. Bryan Arnold, Troop I, and Tpr. Dan Bickell, Troop F, stop for a photo-op on the beach before returning to Missouri.

Steve Sturlese—his house was completely washed away—cooked us great Cajun meals. Other employees gave us plenty of Louisiana sovenirs. We didn't arrest many looters, but this assign-

ment was important. I know I left Louisiana more blessed for having met the individuals who make up the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! Traffic Stop Appears Biblical

By Tpr. Terry A. Bible, Troop D

It's been a couple of years, but the interesting traffic stop below actually took place. After I had driven the 45 miles to Troop D to deliver some evidence, I was returning to Zone 15, Stone County. A red, 1988 Chevrolet Camaro merged in front of me onto U.S. Highway 65 from Missouri Route CC, just north of Ozark, MO. I stopped the vehicle for not displaying any registration. As I prepared the traffic summons and was explaining it to the violator, I realized there was something peculiar about it. He started to laugh when I was explaining it to him. He even apologized for doing so. The driver could not believe the circumstance surrounding the summons. The driver, Mr. Moses, was being summoned to appear in front of Judge Waters in the Christian County Court, which is located on Church Street in Ozark. Of course, the summons was signed by me, Trooper Bible.

Patrol Returns To Cameron Parish

Once again, the Missouri State Highway Patrol answered a call for assistance from the Gulf. A second detail was requested by Cameron Parish, LA, law enforcement officials to assist in a variety of areas. From the many volunteers, Sergeant William D. "Bill" Choate, Troop C; Corporal Greg D. Kenley, Troop E; Trooper George H. Falterman, Troop G; Trooper Christopher M. Harper, Troop F; Trooper Brian T. Hillyer, Troop B; and Trooper William B. Sevier, Troop C, were chosen to represent the Patrol. The detail left January 7, 2006 and returned February 5, 2006.

Members of the detail assisted with traffic enforcement, acted as escorts, and provided security. One weekend's activity centered around the Red Cross Distribution Center set up in the community of Oak Grove. The Red Cross gave out much needed supplies, from bottled water to shovels, and paper products to post hole diggers. The distribution was scheduled to start at 10 a.m., but people began arriving by 4 a.m. Officers provided much needed assistance managing traffic/parking, and unloading/handing out supplies. Later in the detail, a FEMA supply distribution center required similar assistance. At this center, 11 tractor-trailer units of supplies (toiletries, cleaning supplies, and food) were distributed.

"The sheriff's department is very traffic enforcement oriented," wrote Sgt. Bill Choate in one of his reports. "The suggested speed limit for all parish roadways is 45 miles per hour due to the poor condition of the roads after the hurricane. However, it is hard to enforce because there are no road signs indicating 45 mph speed limit ... There are several 55 mph signs in place. What little traffic that passes through strictly adheres to the speed limit. I have never experienced such compliance."

One of the more unique experiences was escorting 10 tractor-trailers carrying the remains of coffins which floated away during the hurricane.

Trooper Christopher M. Harper stands with his father, who lives in Louisiana. Mr. Harper escorted the detail to lunch one day as they made their way to Cameron Parish. (Boy was Dad proud!) ☺



◆ This picture shows what is left of the gymnasium at Cameron High School.

This fella was a regular each night in camp where the Patrol detail was living. ☺



Over 60 percent of the bodies had been identified. Detail officers responded to looting and trespasser calls, also.

Monday, January 30, proved eventful for the detail. Tprs. Sevier and Falterman assisted animal control with removing a confused alligator from the roadway in downtown Cameron. It was relatively small, approximately six feet long. Officers also assisted with a medical emergency—a deck hand fell overboard and was suffering from hypothermia. They then resolved a domestic dispute between a husband and wife. The married couple was at issue about how to divide up the crab catch.

Since it was the wife's boat, she took three coolers full and the husband got two. An attempted suicide, stolen trailer, and changing a flat tire completed this full day.

Members of the Patrol enjoyed a good rapport with the area sheriff's department and local citizens. Most of the people had lost their homes, but their spirit to survive remains strong. The detail was overwhelmed by the generosity of those who had lost so much. Many times, people would stop and say thank you to the Patrol's members while they were working. Memories of Louisiana will remain with these officers for a long time to come.

Taube Recognized For Recycling Effort

By Chief Of Fiscal & Budgetary Services Lori M. Hughes, Q/BPD

Darrell Taube, Supply Manager II, was recognized at the Capitol on February 9, 2006, for his efforts in helping the Office of Administration State Recycling receive an award for their recycling efforts.

Darrell contacted Rob Didricksen, state recycling coordinator, and told him the Patrol warehouse had four, 55-gallon drums filled with rechargeable batteries. He explained he didn't want to throw them away. After some research, Mr. Didricksen found the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation, a nonprofit, public service organization dedicated to recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones.

This new partnership resulted in the state recycling 5,577 pounds of rechargeable batteries, which is 157 percent more than during the first year. Didrickson further explained that Darrell inspired him to pursue the project; therefore, he invited Darrell to the Capitol to acknowledge his efforts during the awards ceremony.



Major Hugh E. McKay, Q/ASB; Asst. Dir. Cathy F. Brown, Q/CMD; Spec. Asst. Brent A. Miller, Q/BPD; Supply Mgr. II Darrell Taube, Q/BPD; Capt. Kemp A. Shoun, Q/BPD; and Chief Of Fis. & Bdgt. Srvs. Lori M. Hughes, Q/BPD; gather for a photo after the awards ceremony. All were present to congratulate Darrell for his recycling efforts.

When asked about his feelings on the award, Darrell commented, "I am honored that they recognized me during the awards ceremony, because the award wasn't specifically for me." He also added, "I strongly encourage anyone who has something they feel can

be recycled and are currently not doing so, to give me a call."

The Highway Patrol warehouse can be reached at (573) 526-6144.

The MASTERS Appreciates Local Support

By Ret. Major Larry C. White

These photographs were taken at a recent St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association (SLAPCA) meeting. Captain Ronald S. Johnson and Mr. Bill Honecker, a representative of The MASTERS, presented a plaque to Chief John Copeland, Town & Country Police Department. Chief Copeland was honored on behalf of SLAPCA as the outgoing president of this organization. Capt. Johnson and Mr. Honecker also presented a plaque to Chief William Bridges of the Des Peres Department of Public Safety. The plaques were presented by The MASTERS to recognize the generous donations made by SLAPCA, and the Town & Country and Des Peres departments. All three of these entities donated \$2,500 to The MASTERS.



Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C, and Mr. Bill Honecker, a representative of The MASTERS, presents a plaque to Chief John Copeland, Town & Country Police Department (right).

Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C, and Mr. Bill Honecker, a representative of The MASTERS, presents a plaque to Chief William Bridges of the Des Peres Department of Public Safety (right).



Houston, We Have A Problem ... Meth!

By Troop F

On a summer night, Corporal Thomas R. Walley was sitting in the median on Interstate 70 observing traffic. He noticed a vehicle approaching him from behind that appeared to be traveling above the posted speed limit. He checked the vehicle's speed and noticed its speed was dropping very rapidly. In fact, it slowed to well below the speed limit. The driver appeared to be overly concerned with Cpl. Walley's presence. The driver continued driving and Cpl. Walley pulled out onto the interstate to observe the vehicle further. The driver appeared to speed up again, and began passing other vehicles.

Cpl. Walley again attempted to check the Ford Thunderbird's speed. The driver slammed on the brakes and Cpl. Walley was unable to get an accurate speed. The driver again sped up and Cpl. Walley was able to check the Thunderbird's speed at 78 miles per hour. He prepared to initiate a traffic stop as the Thunderbird neared the Kingdom City exit. The driver of the Thunderbird slowed as he neared the exit, then suddenly took the exit. He turned right at the top of the ramp, and committed several lane violations. The Thunderbird turned onto the outer road and headed toward Denny's. Cpl. Walley activated his patrol car's emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop. The Thunderbird pulled into the parking lot and stopped.

Cpl. Walley approached the Thunderbird and contacted the two male occupants. While waiting for them to produce identification and vehicle registration, Cpl. Walley noticed several things in the vehicle. The Thunderbird had a "lived in" appearance. There were also a couple of duffle bags on the back seat with a cooler. Cpl. Walley also noticed a power cord plugged into the cigarette lighter. The power cord ran to a radar detector and to a toggle switch

with an illuminated red light. The wire from the toggle switch ran over the center console and under the back seat. Cpl. Walley had the driver come back and sit with him while he ran computer checks.

While seated in the patrol car, Cpl. Walley began running computer checks, and called for backup. He asked the driver about his trip. The driver told him he had left Louisville, KY, approximately 22 hours before, and delivered an antique hutch to his aunt in Omaha, NE. He further stated they had some car trouble earlier in the day, and were

senger.

Cpl. Walley walked up and contacted the passenger. He asked him about their trip. The passenger told him they were coming from Omaha, where he had attempted to buy a seamless gutter machine. He told Corporal Walley they hadn't delivered anything to anyone. He also said he had been with the driver the entire time, and they didn't see any of the driver's relatives.

Corporal Walley noticed the driver had moved closer in an attempt to hear their conversation. The driver then

began to pace. Cpl. Walley returned to his car to check how close his backup was. The driver immediately tried to engage him in conversation about the race cars at the gas station next door. Cpl. Walley asked the driver for consent to search his vehicle. Consent was promptly denied. Cpl. Walley told the driver to have a seat in his patrol car again while he called for a dog. Corporal Matthew J. Broniec, Troop F, who was a few miles away, was contacted.

Now, the driver was even more nervous, and wanted to know if he and his buddy were in trouble. He then wanted to run a hypothetical situation by Cpl. Walley. He wanted to know "What if?" He said, "What if my buddy has a little marijuana in the car?"

Cpl. Walley advised the driver he couldn't answer his question accurately until he saw how much was there. The driver began talking about how worried he was about his buddy, and reached for the door as if he was going to get out. Cpl. Walley told him to stay seated. At that time, Callaway County deputy arrived to provide backup. Cpl. Walley told the driver to stay seated, and stepped out of the patrol car to fill the deputy in on what was going on. He told the deputy he



A pair of criminals thought this rocket (in their trunk) was a good place to hide their meth.

just trying to get home. The driver said he'd visited relatives in Omaha. Cpl. Walley continued running computer checks and began filling out a warning. He noticed the driver was much more nervous than the average person when about to get a warning. The driver was so nervous, he talked constantly and even interrupted Cpl. Walley when he tried to talk on the radio. The driver then began to play with his cell phone, flipping it open and closed. He then decided Cpl. Walley needed to see a naked picture of his wife that he'd saved on his phone! Cpl. Walley decided it was time to get away from the driver for a few minutes and go talk to the passenger. He asked the driver to stand behind his patrol car while he contacted the pas-

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knew there was some marijuana in the vehicle, and believed there was much more. Cpl. Walley got back inside the patrol car to wait for Cpl. Broniec to arrive.

The driver again began talking about being very worried about his friend and reached for the door. Corporal Walley again told him to stay seated, but this time he bolted from the patrol car. He ran past the Thunderbird yelling, "Go! Go! Go!" to the passenger. The deputy was right behind the driver as he ran across Denny's parking lot. Cpl. Walley began to pursue the driver also, but decided to return and secure the passenger and vehicle. Another deputy pulled up and assisted in taking the driver into custody. The driver was found to have crystal meth and Oxycodone pills in his pocket.

When Cpl. Broniec arrived, he was asked to have his partner, Kai, do a sniff of the Thunderbird. Cpl. Walley was then directed to a black bag on the back seat. The bag contained personal items and a user amount of marijuana. The officers eventually popped open the trunk. As they began to lift the trunk lid, they noticed a rope and pulley system. They then noticed a hobby rocket lying in the trunk. It was approximately three feet tall and was mounted on a hinged, plywood platform. The rocket would move to a vertical position as the trunk lid was raised. The rocket was connected to the same wire running from the illuminated switch in the passenger compartment. They also saw three sections of PVC pipe that were capped off. The officers contacted the Troop F Bomb Squad to come make sure the things they had found weren't explosives.

The Bomb Squad arrived and checked the suspicious items. It was determined they were safe to be opened. The rocket contained approximately two pounds of crystal methamphetamine. The sections of PVC pipe contained more crystal meth, and various kinds of pills. The officers also located \$12,000 dollars cash in the Thunderbird. Who said drug trafficking isn't rocket science?

MSHSAA Honors Colonel Stottlemire

By MSHSAA Asst. Exec. Dir. Rick Kindhart

Every year, the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) recognizes men and women throughout the state who have made lifelong contributions to high school activities. These distinguished service awards program is sponsored by Jostens in Marceline, MO. This recognition program began in 1988.

On March 18, 2006, MSHSAA recognized Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a 2005-06 Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Col. Stottlemire is a familiar face with the MSHSAA football and basketball championships and has been for the past 22 years. He has worked as the interview coordinator for the Show-Me Bowl and the Show-Me Showdown as well as assisted in various aspects of event media coordination. He is also involved with the state track meets. Col. Stottlemire has been instrumental in incorporating the Missouri State Highway Patrol honor guard into various state championship events.

Since his days as a state trooper in the Tarkio area, Col. Stottlemire has been a proponent of high school activities and promoted local youth both on and off duty through a very busy schedule. As he has been promoted through the ranks of the Highway Patrol to his current position as superintendent, the colonel's commitment has not wavered. He continues to donate his time in making MSHSAA events a success.

Col. Stottlemire is one of the true heroes in Missouri high school activities.

MSHSAA named Col. Roger D. Stottlemire the recipient of a 2006 Distinguished Service Award.



PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Governor Arthur Mastick Hyde was the first elected state official to speak publicly about law enforcement reform. In his first biennial message, in January 1923, he outlined needs of the state. His concerns included the soaring number of arson cases, and the infrequent arrests and convictions. This led to significantly increased insurance premiums for Missourians. He spoke of the importance of enforcing every law, namely the Volstead Act regarding prohibition, regardless of public opinion. He noted the mounting game law violations, also. He considered the National Guard, the only force available when confronting riots or disturbances, "cumbersome and unbearably expensive". Last, he pointed to the improvements made to Missouri roadways as a reason for better law enforcement.

Yet, more than eight years would pass before Governor Henry S. Caulfield signed Senate Bill 36 on April 24, 1931, establishing the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Several bills had been introduced between 1923 and 1931, but all had failed. Senate Bill 36 was amended several times during the process and not everyone was in favor. Organized labor was opposed, fearful that the new agency would be used to break strikes as had been done in other states. Labor, however, did not oppose a Patrol which had jurisdiction over motor vehicle enforcement. County sheriffs feared it would infringe on their authority. Some were afraid the agency would focus on enforcing prohibition.

Strong supporters of the bill included Governor Caulfield, Attorney General Stratten Shartel, the Automobile Club of Missouri, the Missouri

State Highway Commission, the Missouri Banker's Association, and a majority of metropolitan newspapers.

"This year the Missouri State Highway Patrol is celebrating 75 years of serving and protecting the citizens of Missouri and those who travel through our great state," said Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre, superintendent of the Patrol, "When the Patrol was formed in 1931, a statement was made by then-Missouri Attorney General Stratton Shartel that the state had no more important duty than to protect life and property. Missouri's Highway Patrol has proudly performed that duty from day one, and is prepared to provide excellence in law enforcement into the future."

(Sources: *A Journey Through Patrol History 1931-2005*, a publication of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, 2006; and *Missouri Historical Review*, Volume LX, Number 4, July 1982.)

IACP Honors Patrol

In September 2005, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was honored to win third place in the IACP Law Enforcement Challenge Award at the International Association of Chief's of Police's annual meeting. The award targets three major safety priorities: occupant protection, impaired driving, and speed. The Patrol's aggressive participation in the "Click or Ticket" campaign, the "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose" program, and the lowering of the state's fatality rate in 2004, as well as the Patrol's support of the .08 BAC legislation, all contributed to this honor being awarded. A combination of training, public information, enforcement activities, effectiveness, and quality of the application were all part of the judging criteria. The accompanying comments in the IACP program point out the reality of this award—"This competition has no losers—only winners, for saving lives and reducing the frequency and severity of injuries are the true rewards of law enforcement efforts."



Pictured is the IACP Law Enforcement Challenge Award presented to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Sgt. Linn Windle

'Pie Man' Retires

**By Kathryn Buckstaff,
Springfield News Leader**

Branson — Sgt. Linn Windle retires Jan. 1 after 27 years in the Missouri Highway State Patrol. He's looking forward to it, he said: More time to bake pies.

In the past five years, he's baked more than 1,200 pies. Three hundred this year. Oatmeal crumb apple, strawberry rhubarb, and gooseberry—"for the natives," he said—are his favorites. In his back yard, he grows much of the fruit: blackberries, gooseberries, strawberries, rhubarb, and blueberries. His daughter, Miranda Paladino, who lives in Windsor, MO, with her husband, David, and their three children, has apple trees.

He gives all his pies away to charities that can auction pies at fundraisers. He's known across Taney County, where he's patrolled since 1993, as "the Pie Man".

"If people hear there's a pie from him, it brings big money," said Laura Parramore, director of resource development for the Lake Country Boys & Girls Clubs. At this year's Steak and Burger fund-raiser, one sold for "well over \$100 dollars," she said. "And when he comes into an event, he has a special box to carry pies. He's a one-man shop. He's so generous and so giving, and does so much good for the kids."

This year, sales of his pies have raised more than \$7,000 for charities. The top bid for a pecan pie was \$600, he said.

The cookies he gives away at Christmas. He's baked 600 dozen so far this year. That's 7,200 of the melt-in-your-mouth butter cookies he squeezes onto baking sheets with an electric cookie press. He burned one out this year and had to get another, Sgt. Windle said.

Posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen he shares with Julie, his wife of 32 years, is a long list of this year's re-

cipients: city and county officials, theaters, the night shift in the emergency room at Skaggs Community Health Center.

"I put cookies in every 6 1/2 minutes," he said, pulling a baking sheet out of the oven.

The four-foot countertop is covered with five-gallon ice cream buckets filled with cookies. A large cardboard box on the sofa holds dozens of baggies filled with the confections.

The ingredients don't cost much, he says. Supporters give him bags of flour and sugar. Friends bring him bottles of Mexican vanilla. The Oregon Fruit Products Co. sent him a donation of pie fillings after hearing about his efforts. He watches for sprinkles on sale.

"Part of the fun is finding bargains," he says.

Dangers Abound

Sgt. Windle says he's had his share of danger over his years on the Patrol.

"I was shot through the hat in 1985," he said. "A kid killed his dad and shot his sister, and I stumbled on him in an abandoned house. We were running for cover, and I dropped my hat on a fence post and went back into the woods. There were 88 holes of bird shot in my hat. It would have hurt me if I'd been wearing it."

Then, there were the worst times.

"The wrecks. The drinking with the young kids. Not wearing their seat belts. You tell them over and over. The worst is working bad wrecks and telling parents their kids aren't coming home," he says.

Roll The Dough

Baking started as a stress reliever, he said. After a dispute in 1997 with a supervisor, Sgt. Windle said he went home and asked his wife, a retired teacher, to bake him a pie "to make me feel better. But she had something to do, and she told me to bake the pie



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Retiring Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Linn Windle has baked more than 600 dozen cookies this year.

myself. So, I did. Rolling out the dough was therapy, so I did it every night."

After awhile, his family got burned out on pies, so he began giving them away. Now, he says, it is his hobby. He also builds furniture. He's made walnut and oak cradles and sleigh beds for his grandchildren. He built an elaborate dog house for his three hunting dogs with which he hunts quail. After Sgt. Windle retires, his wife has a list of projects including a new entertainment center and an addition to expand the dining room.

After years of seeing people at their worst while he was on the job, Sgt. Windle says he's learned what's really important in life.

"My grandmother told me a person is rich if they have two things: their health and their family," Sgt. Windle says.

The Windles have two sons. Russel, 27, who is a radio operator with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Stuart, 21, a student at OTC who also works at Wal-Mart. Both sons participated recently with their dad at Wal-Mart's "Shop With A Cop" event.

Career To Help

Sgt. Windle, 53, moved around a lot as a child and has relocated four times with Patrol assignments. When he was 15, his family moved to Schell City and kept a dairy farm. It was there that he decided to join the Highway Patrol af-

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ter a wreck closed a bridge on Missouri Highway 54 near his home.

"For three months, they had a detour that went past our farm, and I helped haul people from several wrecks that happened there," Sgt. Windle says. "That's where I met troopers. It was something I thought I'd be interested in and a way to help people."

One of the highlights of his assignment to Branson was providing security for dignitaries speaking at College of the Ozarks, in 1993, he said.

"I'd pick them up at the airport in Harrison, and get to spend some time talking with them on the drive," he said.

But, he's ready to retire. Too much paperwork now robs time from patrolling, he says, and law enforcement by nature is difficult emotionally.

"In our line of work, you see the bad part of people," he says. "You see the same thing year in and year out. It wears on you."

Good Pie Crust

Sgt. Windle keeps no secrets, including the way to a flaky pie crust.



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Sgt. Linn Windle removes more cookies from a baking sheet. He started baking in 1997 to relieve stress.

The mix is seven cups of flour, two cups of butter-flavored Crisco, and a tablespoon of salt. The key, he says, is to let the crumbled mix stand at room temperature at least 24 hours. Add water when you're ready to bake, he says, but don't get the dough too wet and don't mix it too long.

Taney County Circuit Clerk Brenda Neal has been a fan of the Pie Man for years.

"I buy his pies as a treat for my husband," Neal says. "I've given up to \$50, because it's for a good cause. Sgt. Windle's very 'community-minded,'" Neal says. "Linn is one of those people you don't have to wonder what he's thinking. He gives you the straight story."

By The Numbers

1,200 —Number of pies Linn Windle has baked in the past five years.

\$600 —Top bid for a pecan pie.

7,200 —Number of cookies Sgt. Windle has baked so far this holiday season.

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Sgt. Donald D. Eads



Sergeant Donald D. Eads is retiring effective February 1, 2006, after 27 1/2 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Donald's career began when he reported to the Academy on August 1, 1978. His first assignment was to Troop H, Zone 3, Gentry and Harrison counties. He was promoted to corporal in March 1990, and assigned to Zone 4, Grundy and Mercer counties. In 1994, he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Zone 8, Daviess, Clinton, and Caldwell counties. Donald transferred to the Gaming Division in February 2004, and was assigned as the boat sergeant at the Isle of Capri Casino in Kansas City, MO.

During his career, some of his assignments included: member of the Patrol's pistol team; firearms instructor (19 years); Glock and M16 armorer; the Kansas City fireman's strike; state fair details; being a field training officer; governor's inauguration details, Governor Mel Carnahan's funeral detail; U.S. Army anti-sniper school; law enforcement rifle instructor training in Raton, NM; H&K rifle academy guest instructor; Ford Mustang EVOC school; and numerous other details and assignments.

Donald was born and raised in Trenton, MO, where he graduated from high school in 1971. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Donald resides in Cameron, MO, with his lovely wife, Charla, of 31 years. They have two daughters: Kacey, 29, and Kristy, 26; and one son, Kelly, 21. Their son is currently serving in Iraq with the

101st Air Assault Division. Donald and Charla also have four grandchildren they try to spoil constantly!

Donald retired because of a job offer in Iraq. He left on January 22, 2006. He will be working as a foreign advisor training Iraqi police officers. He plans to look up his son and other Patrol employees currently stationed in Iraq. After his yearlong mission, he plans to return home to travel with his wife, hunt, and keep busy around the house. Donald says he has thoroughly enjoyed his 27 1/2 years in the Patrol and has made some tremendous, loyal friends.

Chief MVI Keith E. Woodruff



Chief Motor Vehicle Inspector Keith E. Woodruff retires after over 28 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Keith began his career with the Patrol on May 1, 1977, in the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division assigned to the scale truck in Poplar Bluff, MO, while waiting assignment to the newly constructed scales near Charleston, MO. On December 1, 1978, he was reclassified to Motor Vehicle Inspector II. He was promoted to Motor Vehicle Inspector III on May 1, 1992. On September 1, 1993, he was promoted to motor vehicle supervisor. He was promoted to chief motor vehicle inspector on June 1, 2002.

Keith was born in Kennett, MO. He graduated from Kennett High School in 1972. He attended Three Rivers

Community College in Poplar Bluff, MO, receiving an associate's degree of applied science in 1975. It was during junior high school Keith met his future wife, Elaine Johnson. On January 19, 1974 they were married. They have one daughter, Megan, who is in the eighth grade at Poplar Bluff Junior High School.

During his career, he served on many committees and boards. Keith is a P.O.S.T.-certified instructor and has taught motor vehicle inspection, vehicle identification number/salvage, and auto theft-related classes at the Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City and at the troop level. He was a founding member of the multi-state T.A.K.I.M. Auto Theft Task Force and is a member of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators.

After retirement, Keith plans to work part-time for the Fellowship General Baptist Church while working on a religious studies degree from Oakland City University. He'll also be taking care of all those honey-dos Elaine and Megan have for him.

Clerk IV Carlene F. Waller



On March 1, 2006, Clerk IV Carlene F. Waller retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after over 32 years of service at the Troop B Headquarters in Macon. Carlene was employed by the Patrol on January 9, 1974, and her initial duties involved processing "arrest cards".

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For the next 11 years, she processed accident reports, time records, officer daily reports, and reports, and correspondence of the Troop B safety officer. For 12 years, Carlene was responsible for typing all investigation and criminal reports of Troop B officers, as well as handling all of the reports and correspondence of Troop B DDCC officers. Over the past five years, she has been responsible for many duties including monthly bills, probationary evaluation reports, personal equipment records, staff correspondence, as well as supervising other Troop B clerical staff. Carlene was reclassified to Clerk Typist II in September 1974; to Clerk Typist III in February 1977; to Stenographer III in August 2000; and to Clerk IV in August 2004.

Carlene grew up in Callao, MO, where she graduated from Callao High School. She attended Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) in Kirksville, MO, where she attained a secretarial certificate. She has been married to her husband, Dave, for 34 years and they have two sons and a daughter in-law: Travis and his wife, Rhonda, of Columbia, MO; and Matthew, of Mexico, MO.

Carlene said she has many fond memories of her career, which included learning from former troop commanders Charlie Ray and Grover Johnson. Carlene said when she was growing up, when she saw a trooper she was always in "awe" and wondered what they were like in person. After working around troopers for only a short time she had a much deeper respect for them, as their job at times seemed very difficult. One of her most valuable memories is the dedication and perseverance of several criminal investigators in some very serious, lengthy investigations. Although she knew she was "just typing the reports", she felt she was providing an important service in helping get dangerous offenders off the street. She said if she had to do it all over again, she wouldn't hesitate to work for the Patrol. One of

Carlene's favorite things about the Patrol was the caring and concern shown by all employees when a fellow employee needed help.

Without a doubt, over her long career with the Patrol, Carlene had a great deal of experience with the internal workings of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, which proved to be invaluable to the operations and employees of Troop B. Everyone at Troop B wishes Carlene a long and happy retirement.

Auto. Tech. III Wayne L. Fordham



Automotive Technician III Wayne L. Fordham retired at 10 a.m. on January 12, 2006, after 14 years of service in Troop A's garage. Wayne began his career on January 13, 1992, as an Automotive Technician I. He was promoted to Automotive Technician II on August 1, 1993, and on August 1, 1996, Wayne was promoted to Automotive Technician III.

Wayne's expertise is in the repair of wrecked cars. He spent 28 years in the automotive collision repair business, starting in his father's shop. Wayne has saved the Patrol hundreds of dollars in repair bills throughout his career by repairing Patrol vehicles himself rather than having them sent out for repair. He also took the time to personally inspect each repaired vehicle ensuring quality workmanship by outside body shops. Wayne once found over \$1,000 in new parts in the trunk of

a patrol car which were supposed to be used during the repair of that vehicle. Wayne and his coworker, Auto. Tech. III Sean D. Jacobs, each received the DPS Employee of the Month Award for July 2005.

Wayne was born and raised in Independence, MO. He graduated from William Chrisman High School in 1963.

Wayne and Barbara have been married over 38 years and have two sons and two superfine granddaughters. He is a life-long member of the Community of Christ Church.

Wayne had this to say about his years with the Patrol, "Three wonderful things happened to me while I was with the Patrol. First, when I went to work in the garage, I worked beside an individual who had been with the Patrol many years (Dave Minor). He was versed thoroughly in automotive mechanics, and knew the Patrol method of repairing their vehicles. Most importantly, he wanted to share his knowledge with me, so I could be a productive part of the garage operation. He gave unselfishly of his knowledge, and such generosity is hard to find.

Secondly, I had the opportunity to work for and with the greatest number of really fine people. The supervisory staff, the civilian personnel, the good people in Jefferson City, and the uniformed road officers all made working here a truly pleasurable experience. To the uniformed officers, specifically,—society has given you a nearly impossible job to do and you have willingly accepted this responsibility and are doing a really fine job. Try not to become weary of well-doing.

Last but not least, when my original partner retired, a young man with exceptional automotive knowledge came to work in the garage. His desire to do quality work and dedication to service is a tribute to him. My last years in the workforce were made possible by his generosity and inexhaustible enthusiasm for life. To say thank you is not nearly adequate, but thank you all!"

No, Wayne, THANK YOU, and may you have a long, happy retirement!!!

Retiree News

'I Just Need A Little Push, Officer'

**By Cpl. C. Ed Kincaid, retired
St. Joseph, MO**

One day, while on duty in the Princeton, MO, area, I received a call from the local Mercer County Sheriff's Office regarding an old couple in an old car in trouble west of Princeton on U.S. Highway 136. Arriving to a location two miles west of town, I located a 1950 Ford two-door car with a South Dakota license plate sitting on the south shoulder, headed east.

The car was extremely beaten up and battered all over, especially on the rear. There was no rear bumper, and the trunk lid was damaged badly and tied with a rope to keep it down. The hood on the front was wired down to the front bumper.

The old couple (both in their late 60s) was very dirty. Their clothes had not been washed for weeks, and they both smelled as if they had not bathed for weeks. The old man did all the talking and the old woman never said a word during my contact.

The woman did take her teeth from her pocket and put them in her mouth. They were so dark, they may have been wooden, but they held her pipe. The old man had a long beard and needed a haircut badly, but could carry on a decent conversation. He said his old car had quit and he wanted me to use my patrol car to give him a push to get him going.

I said, "Let's take a look at it. Maybe we can get it started."

He said it would take off real easy and insisted I give him a little push.

I said, "All right, get in, and let's go."

I eased in behind the old Ford and started east on U.S. 136. I pushed them into Princeton and to U.S. Highway 65 (two miles). At the junction, the road goes south down a long hill and then east onto U.S. 136 again. The car coasted about 3/4 of a mile and came to a stop just east of Princeton. I stopped behind the old Ford, turned on my red lights, and walked up to their car.

The trunk lid had popped open, and it contained several chickens in a coop, some guineas, ducks, and two geese. The old man got out, but the woman sat in the car eating. In the back seat were at least two dogs, several cats, and a rather large nanny goat. After talking to the old man, he reluctantly raised the hood of the car. Believe it or not, there was no motor in the car. There were old clothes and food stuffs filling the entire motor compartment. Needless to say, we had a very serious talk.

Seems as though this old couple left Southeast South Dakota about nine days prior to my meeting them. They were en route to the state of Ohio to make a home with relatives. They were loaded with their entire possessions. They had gotten approximately 400 miles by conning people (like me) to give them a push, hence, the reason the rear of the car was flattened. He said sometimes they would stop in the driving lane and people would push them some distance and then just go around them.

This gave me an idea. I told them to get in the car and I would give them another push. I pushed them about eight miles and called the next county east, advising them I had a report of a motorist broken down in their county and could they check on it. They advised they would. As we approached the county line, I applied my brakes. The last I saw, the old Ford with Ma and Pa was eastbound on U.S. 136, about 30 miles per hour. I returned to my zone, too embarrassed to talk much about the ordeal.

I did hear in the next day or so, on the radio, of cars getting called with information about an old couple with car trouble over near the Illinois state line.

This occurred in the late 1960s. I was a trooper with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 32 years, retiring in 1990.



This photo shows a young Trooper C. Ed Kincaid in 1960.

Myths & Facts: Adults In College

Myth: College is for young people.

Fact: Forty percent of American college students are 25 years old or older.

Myth: There's no financial aid for adult students.

Fact: The majority of student aid programs have no age restrictions. Anyone who demonstrates financial need can qualify. However, many programs require students to attend on at least a half-time basis.

Myth: It's impossible to juggle parenthood, work, and going to school.

Fact: Juggling adult responsibilities and school can be difficult, but not impossible. More colleges are restructuring programs to help students manage their obligations. Classes are offered in the evening, student services are available at night or over the Internet, and even low-cost childcare is available on many campuses.

Myth: You have to live near a college.

Fact: College offer courses via extension campuses, correspondence, and television. Distance learning is even more available now, thanks to the Internet.

Myth: Colleges expect you to take the SAT or ACT, years after high school.

Fact: Many institutions have modified admissions criteria for adults, and may not require an admissions test. That's why it's important to get in touch with admissions offices to determine what is required for admittance.

'Looking Beyond the Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of December 22, 2005 to February 20, 2006. (*Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the report to be considered for this column.*)

Troop A

Tpr. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest
 Tpr. B.R. Lange, 1 arrest
 Tpr. R.B. McGinnis, 7 a rrests**
 CVO N.C. Jeffries, 2 assists**
 Tpr. R.D. Ogden, 1 arrest
 Tpr. W.E. Oliver, 3 arrests
 Cpl. C.F. Scott, 1 arrest
 Tpr. C.A. Winter, 1 arrest
 Cpl. G.L. Zink, 1 arrest

Troop B

Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest
 Tpr. G.L. West Jr., 1 arrest

Troop C

Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 3 arrests
 Tpr. T.E. Erpenbach, 1 arrest
 Tpr. W.J. Moder, 2 arrests
 Cpl. G.C. Swartz, 1 arrest

Troop D

Tpr. M.D. Adams, 1 arrest
 Sgt. G.L. Braden, 4 arrests
 Tpr. S.J. Crewse, 2 arrests
 Tpr. D.E. Heil, 1 arrest
 Tpr. B.D. Helms, 1 arrest
 Tpr. C.S. Mason, 1 arrest
 Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 2 arrests
 Tpr. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest
 Tpr. E.J. Walker, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. N.L. Bratton, 5 arrests
 Sgt. M.E. Carson, 1 arrest
 Cpl. C.R. Colbert, 2 arrests

Tpr. A.M. Harrison, 2 arrests
 Tpr. B.C. Jones, 4 arrests
 Tpr. M.D. Lynch, 3 arrests
 Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest
 Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 3 arrests
 Tpr. R.A. Walker, 1 arrest

Troop F

Tpr. J.L. Armistead, 1 arrest
 Cpl. M.J. Broniec, 3 arrests*
 CVO Sprv. I.J.D. Brooks (D), 1 assist*
 CVO II R.L. Talbert (D), 1 assist*
 Cpl. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest
 Cpl. P.D. Kerperin, 1 arrest
 Tpr. J.E. Lowary, 1 arrest
 Cpl. P.W. Meyers, 1 arrest
 Tpr. A.C. Piercy, 1 arrest
 Tpr. D.E. Rogers, 2 arrests
 Cpl. T.R. Walley, 2 arrests
 Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 1 arrest

Troop G

Cpl. E.A. Cooper, 1 arrest
 Tpr. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest
 Tpr. M.D. Hargus, 1 arrest

Troop H

Tpr. A.A. Henry, 2 arrests
 Cpl. J.A. Pithan, 1 arrest
 Cpl. C.B. Root, 1 arrest
 Sgt. J.H. Thompson, 2 arrests
 Cpl. M.A. Wilhoit, 4 arrests

Troop I

Tpr. T.A. Gayer, 7 arrests



Traffic Fatalities

Year to Date April 4, 2006	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2004 Traffic Fatalities	2005 Traffic Fatalities
271	312	-41	1130	1255

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Thadeus W. Huff
Prob. Radio
Q/CommD



Jeffery A. Schmidt
Prob. Radio
Q/CommD



Pamela M. Aberle
AFIS Entry Operator I
Q/CRID



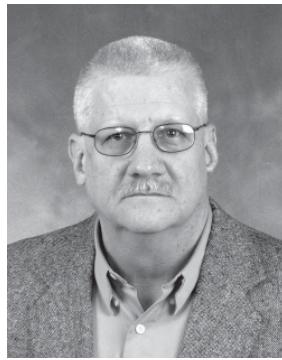
Lana D. Germann
AFIS Entry Operator I
Q/CRID



Adam J. Feltrop
Auto. Tech. I
Q/MED



Carol A. Kampeter
AFIS Entry Operator I
Q/CRID



H. Joseph Seiling
Personnel Analyst I
Q/HRD



Tessa M. Wilmsmeyer
Lab. Evid. Tech. I
Q/CLD

TROOP B MAKES A WISH COME TRUE

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On March 6, 2006, volunteers from Troop B and the Moberly Police Department assisted the Make-A-Wish Foundation by assembling a wooden playset for three-year-old Jayce, who resides in Moberly. The process began several months ago when the Patrol was contacted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which provides "wishes" for seriously ill children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 18 years of age. The children suffer from a life-threatening medical condition.

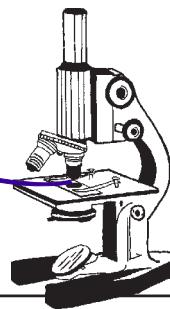
The volunteers provided several hours of manpower and building skills in an effort to bring happiness to a very grateful child. Even before the project was completed, it was apparent to those involved that Jayce was excited about his new playset, and without a doubt would be spending a great deal of time using it. The volunteers were: Sgt. Brian Anderson, Sgt. David Hall, Sgt. Darren Mueller, Sgt. David Roberts, Cpl. Roland Bartels, Cpl. Barry Graskewicz, Cpl. Chris Harlan (coordinator), Tpr. Jason Mattingly, Tpr. Brady Sowers, Radio Personnel Lindell Roth, and Moberly Police officers Troy Link and Kevin Palmatory.



Officers from Troop B and the Moberly Police Department assembled this playset for a special little boy after being contacted by Make-A-Wish.

A Closer Examination From The Benchtop...

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Evidence Control: Staff Prepares Tips

The MSHP evidence control staff are the first people to have contact with our submitting agencies. Likewise, they are the ones in the final step of sending a completed report and returning evidence. They play an integral part in every case. Consequently, the lab evidence control staff has several key recommendations to assist them in providing the best service to your agency.

Rerepackaged Evidence—If a specimen has been in the laboratory for prior examinations and needs additional testing, resubmit the specimen in its original container. The evidence control staff assigns a unique lab number and container number to each package. These numbers are kept consistent throughout the entire working process, even if a container is submitted multiple times. Repackaging may seem like an easier way to consolidate and resubmit only what is needed in a container, but doing so results in many complications for the lab.

Lab Analysis Request (LAR or SHP-411)—Lab personnel do not have access to police records or reports; therefore, always fill out the Laboratory Analysis Request form in **full** detail. Evidence control personnel and criminalists need to have specific details, including from whom or where particular evidence was collected.

Additionally, a detailed description of the incident permits the criminalists to determine which specimens may have more probative value than others. Even the smallest detail of a scenario can assist us in working a case. Use the back of the form if additional space is needed.

Evidence Packaging—Only relevant evidence needing to be tested should be placed in a container. For example, ashes and coins from a vehicle ashtray are not needed to analyze the marijuana cigarette butt also found in the ashtray. Do not package different types of evidence together, since storage conditions may vary from one piece of evidence to the other. For example, keep toxicology evidence separate from DNA. Even evidence assigned to the same discipline should be packaged separately. Ideally, each individual item should receive its own separate container. Properly seal all evidence, and label the contents on the outside of the container to assist the evidence control staff in determining the best storage environment.

Appointments—If possible, all agencies should make an appointment before traveling to the lab.

Possible Examinations—Know what exams are possible before you submit evidence. When logging in evidence, the evidence control staff frequently encounters requests for analyses that cannot be conducted, such as DNA paternity testing, video enhancement, or urine alcohol testing. Contact the lab before evidence submission for assistance.

Evidence Pick-up—Our evidence locker space is limited, and the lab is not obligated to store your evidence for long periods of time. Therefore, always pick up evidence as soon as your agency receives a completed lab report.

Agency Changes—Inform our staff of any changes involving person-

nel from your agency who receive lab reports. Dissemination of lab report information may be compromised if we do not have accurate information, such as a current mailing address or the name of a new sheriff/police chief, etc.

Satellite/General Headquarters Labs

When officers submit a case at a satellite lab, they often are not aware of the types of testing occurring there. Recognizing where particular exams are performed may assist you in determining how you wish to package your case. The MSHP satellite labs at Macon, Park Hills, Springfield, St. Joseph, and Willow Springs perform only certain types of analyses: blood for ethanol content only, beer, and liquor for ethanol content, marijuana, and drugs.

Evidence requiring other types of analysis, such as DNA, latent prints, firearms, toolmarks, trace, and toxicology, may be submitted to a satellite lab, but the evidence is relayed to the General Headquarters Lab in Jefferson City. All satellite labs hold the same accreditation status as the General Headquarters Lab. The aforementioned recommendations for the main lab also applies to the satellites.

Training—For our submitting agencies, Supervisor Carol Carter offers a free, 30-minute presentation on evidence packaging and submission. She will travel to your department to discuss evidence container sealing and submission, as well as the services and supplies offered free-of-charge from the MSHP Crime Lab. If you wish to schedule a presentation, contact Carol at 573-526-6134, ext. 201, or via e-mail at carol.carter@mshp.dps.mo.gov.

A Final Note—From the beginning of the evidence process to the end, the lab provides a public service to our submitting agencies. Your assistance in the areas mentioned previously assists the lab personnel, and ensures the best possible information from your evidence in a timely fashion. Questions about procedures or evidence submission/retrieval, can be addressed by contacting the lab, referring to the MSHP Forensic Evidence Handbook, or visiting www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov.

DEATHS

Donald E. Alvord



Donald E. Alvord, 85, of Macon, died Thursday, Dec 1, 2005, at the Macon Health Care Center in Macon, MO.

Donald was born on June 30, 1920, in Excello, MO, the son of George Cyrus and Blanche Switzer Alvord. He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, during World War II and from 1950 to 1951, during the Korean War.

On Oct 4, 1962, he married Anna Virginia Hutton at the First Christian Church in Macon, where he was a member and deacon emeritus. He was also a member of the Macon Elks Lodge #999, Censer Lodge No. 172 A.F. and A.M. of Macon, Macon County Shrine Club, Ararat Shrine of Kansas City, York Rite and the Albion E. Robinson American Legion Post #29, and the Macon Amateur Radio Club.

Donald worked served the Missouri State Highway Patrol in communications for 33 years, from 1947 to 1980. He was assigned to Troop B, Macon, his entire career, and retired as chief communications engineer.

Survivors include: his wife, Virginia, of the home; one son, William, and his wife, Julia, of Defiance, MO; and four grandchildren—Michelle, Erica, Jessica, and Brendan. Donald was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ray.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 5, at the Hutton & McElwain Funeral Home with Rev. Ryan Steitz officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Macon. The fam-

ily suggests memorials to the First Christian Church in Macon.

Patrol employees and retirees extend their deepest sympathy to the Alvord family.

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Robert "Bob" Koontz



Robert "Bob" Koontz, 77, died Monday, December 19, 2005, in Caruthersville, MO. Bob was born September 25, 1928, in Campbell, MO, the son of Roy and Lottie Ponder Koontz.

He graduated from Campbell High School. Bob then attended Southeast Missouri University, in Cape Girardeau, but was unable to complete his degree because he was called to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After serving in the military, Bob became a driver examiner with the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1955, and worked in the Kennett area. He continued in this position until he began recruit training in 1958. After graduating, he was assigned to Troop D, St. Clair County. During his career, Bob transferred to Pemiscot County, where he was promoted to corporal. While living there, Bob married Wanda (Danley) Koontz, in 1962. In 1970, Bob was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Troop E Headquarters, Poplar Bluff. In 1980, he became a desk sergeant at troop headquarters. Bob retired in 1984.

After retiring from the Patrol, Bob

returned to Southeast Missouri State University and completed his degree in accounting. He then worked for the Federal Transportation Department, as an auditor, until 1993.

Survivors include: his wife, Wanda; four children: Robert "Bob" Koontz Jr., of Caruthersville, Twila Russ, of Little Rock, AR, Garnetta Johnson, of Fayetteville, NC, and Phillip Johnson, of Kansas City, MO; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The Patrol family extends its condolences to family and friends of Sergeant Robert G. "Bob" Koontz.

May

May 4	● National Day of Prayer
May 8	● Truman's birthday
May 14	● Mother's Day
May 14-20	National Police Week. Blue COPS ribbons will be distributed as a way to honor the nation's fallen heroes. Please attach the ribbons to patrol and personal vehicles.
May 15	● Peace Officer Memorial Day
May 17	● Sgt. D.C. May died in 1999.
May 20	● Armed Forces Day
May 22	● Tpr. M.L. Newton died in 2003.
May 25	● National Missing Children's Day
May 29	● Memorial Day

Thank You

Thanks to all who sent cards, telephoned, and sent thoughts my way during my recovery period at home. It truly meant a lot to me.

*Chief DE Sherry Curtis
Troop D*



My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and calls during this time. They were all greatly appreciated, and it meant so much to my family and me.

*Mrs. Wanda Koontz
(widow of retired Sgt. Robert "Bob" Koontz)*



My family and I would like to thank everyone for all the kind expressions of sympathy during the loss of my father. The kind words, flowers, personal telephone calls, cards, and letters were greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
DE III Mary A. Hollmann, MVI II
George J. Hollmann, and extended
family
Troop C*



Brad and I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, phone calls, flowers, memorial contributions, and overall support in the passing of our infant son, Logan. Words cannot express our immense gratitude for all of the kindness from our Patrol family. Although Logan's heart was unable to allow him to stay with us longer, we continue to be thankful that God was able to let him live long enough to meet his daddy and grasp both of our hearts with every sense of his being. We are also thankful to be part of such a caring organization. We would not

have made it through those first few days without such support. Thank you.

*Mr. Brad A. and Personnel Analyst
II Jerri L. Denton
Q/HRD*



A sincere "thank you" for your cards and calls during my recent knee replacement surgery. It's nice to know that "we old retirees" are remembered. I still consider myself as a family member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and am very proud to have served for almost 30 years.

Lt. Don E. Richardson, retired



It takes an effort on your part to send the card, make the phone call, or say the kind word to the person who has just lost a loved one to death—in my case, an untimely death. My sister was 53 years old. She had been hospitalized for a short period of time. When I talked with her last month she was looking forward to me coming to visit later in the year ... She said they had an extra bedroom. On February 23, she died from an overdose of prescription medicine. There is a void in my heart, but your caring makes it easier to bear.

*Thank you,
MVI III Charles G. Mc Millan,
Troop D*



Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

ACTE Brian D. Douglas (F) - father
Tpr. A. Keith Howery (F) - father
Prob. Radio Personnel Christopher D. Ramsey (F) - grandfather, brother-in-law
DE III Faye A. Newkirk (C) - mother
DE II Gaye A. DeRousse (C) - mother
Tpr. Logan S. Elliott (B) - grandmother-in-law
DE II Kristi L. Butler (C) - mother
Tpr. Grant N. Williams (E) - grandmother
Chief MVI Keith E. Woodruff (E) - grandmother
Tpr. John M. Kinney (Q/GD) - father
Personnel Analyst II Jerri L. Denton (Q/HRD) - son
Auto. Tech. III James H. Ellis (C) - brother
AFIS Entry Oper. I Pamela M. Aberle (Q/CRID) - mother

DE Sprv. Lisa D. Swafford (F) - grandmother-in-law
Radio Personnel Joella M. Miller (C) - sister
CIT Spec. II Sandra L. Bexten (Q/ISD) - grandmother
ACTE Steven D. Gronemeyer (C) - mother
CVO Sprv. I James M. Masters (E) - brother
Cpl. John P. Gassen (A) - brother
DE II Christoper A. Schneider (C) - grandfather
Tpr. Dale R. Reuter (H) - sister-in-law
Lt. James E. Wilt (B) - grandmother-in-law
Ret. MVI III Paul J. Kuhl - wife
Lt. Thomas L. Meyer (F) - mother
Sgt. Scott E. Meyer (A) - mother
Ret. CTE Richard W. King - step-mother

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Entry Form — 35th Annual MSHP Golf Tournament

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The Missouri State Highway Patrol has authorized a specially designed badge, which is being offered to **current and retired members**. These are not to be used as a regular badge. These badges are a keepsake to celebrate the Patrol's 75th anniversary. The badge is similar to the anniversary collar badges, but larger and in a leather pocket case. It is a replica of the original badge issued in 1931.

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Yearbook Order Form

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's 2006 yearbook will commemorate the agency's 75th anniversary. Walsworth Publishing will be printing this edition. Patrol employees, retirees, surviving spouses, and members of The MASTERS are invited to fill out the order form on this page and mail it to the address in the box at right **prior to June 1, 2006. Make Checks payable to Walsworth Publishing.**

Mail to:

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Remington 870 Police Magnum

This Remington Shotgun comes with a highly polished nickel and 24K gold receiver. The leftside of the receiver of this 12 gauge is adorned with etchings representing 75 years of history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The old patrol car bears a license plate with "13", the badge number of Sgt. Ben Booth. A banner of 24K gold depicting "Celebrating Tradition" and the 75th Anniversary Logo is interlaced with a fine scroll. The right side of the receiver depicts four modern day Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers and a patrol car with the license plate bearing 223-HP, representing the badge number of Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr. These scenes are carefully illustrated with a 24K gold banner "Embracing Change" and the Missouri State Highway Patrol emblem.



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